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Serendipity Model Call Brings High Competition

BY SHANAE L. HARRIS
Contributing Writer

Competition was fierce this past Wednesday at the Serendipity Model Call for the spring fashion show. A host of women showing off their best fashion, unique styles, and styling stilettos along with a few men sporting their fashion gear paraded into the Blackburn Ballroom with high hopes and determination ready to show their stuff.

"I want to do this fashion show to build up my resume, get some exposure, and practice," said freshman interior design major Amber Ellis.

Duran Brown, coordinator of the model call and upcoming fashion show, is looking forward to the debut of talent and diversity that will be showcased. The fashion show is also expected to add a little twist of theatrics and drama.

"We are looking for people that are short, tall, big, small, light, and dark because we are really trying to show all aspects of Howard," said Brown. "We want to put arts into this fashion show."

Over 200 people attended the model call.

"We are looking for people that are able to walk properly, have good composure, and can stand out a lot," Brown said. "I want to know what makes this girl different from the one sitting next to her."

The women turnout for the model call topped that of the men, and some men felt the competition less strenuous because of this fact.

"I wouldn't be affected at all if I don't get into the fashion show, although I strongly doubt that I won't get in because it is very hard to find guys that want to do this," said junior physical education major David Coleman. While Coleman looks to add to his modeling career through the fashion show, others attended the model call for different reasons.

"Honestly my friend dared me \$5 and bought me a ticket so I just did it. Plus, I figure I may as well try out since it's something different," said sophomore journalism major Alyssa Joy Johnson.

According to Brown, the show will be like a spring homecoming.

"[It] will be really big this year because a lot of people didn't even know about the spring show last year," he said.

Students that attended fall's homecoming fashion show agree with Brown and look forward to the upcoming showcase.

"If this show is as good as homecoming's then I'll be there even though I can just sit on the yard to see a fashion show," said sophomore print journalism major John Kennedy.

However, some students were not so optimistic about another fashion show.

"I probably won't go because there is too many fashion shows on campus and it's always the same people," said sophomore

Blue Ticket, Yellow Ticket, No Ticket



Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

Hundreds of students gathered at the Administration Building to pay their housing deposits Monday, however, to disperse the crowd, many received blue tickets instead and told to pay at their leisure throughout the week.

Campus Housing Almost at Full Capacity

BY MELANIE R. HOLMES
Campus Editor

After Monday's mob of housing-hungry students, things have returned to normal at the Administration Building. The estimated 1,300 students who received blue tickets on Monday were allowed to pay their \$200 housing deposits until the end of the day, while the 200-300 students that received yellow tickets Tuesday morning will have all of next week to pay their deposits.

However, because 1,400 deposits have already been made and there are only 1,550 beds available, Vice Provost of Student Affairs Franklin Chambers anticipates that all remaining housing will be filled on Monday.

"If you didn't receive a blue ticket or

a yellow ticket then you won't be able to participate in the RSVP," Chambers said. "For those students who can't, we host an off-campus housing fair every year. We don't just leave it at 'you didn't receive housing' and the door is shut."

Chambers said it troubles him that the University cannot provide on-campus housing for all students, but said the RSVP system is meant to reward students who are doing well.

"The RSVP system was born out of an incentive program," Chambers said. "It was designed to reward students who are successfully matriculating through the University through good grades, community service and the like."

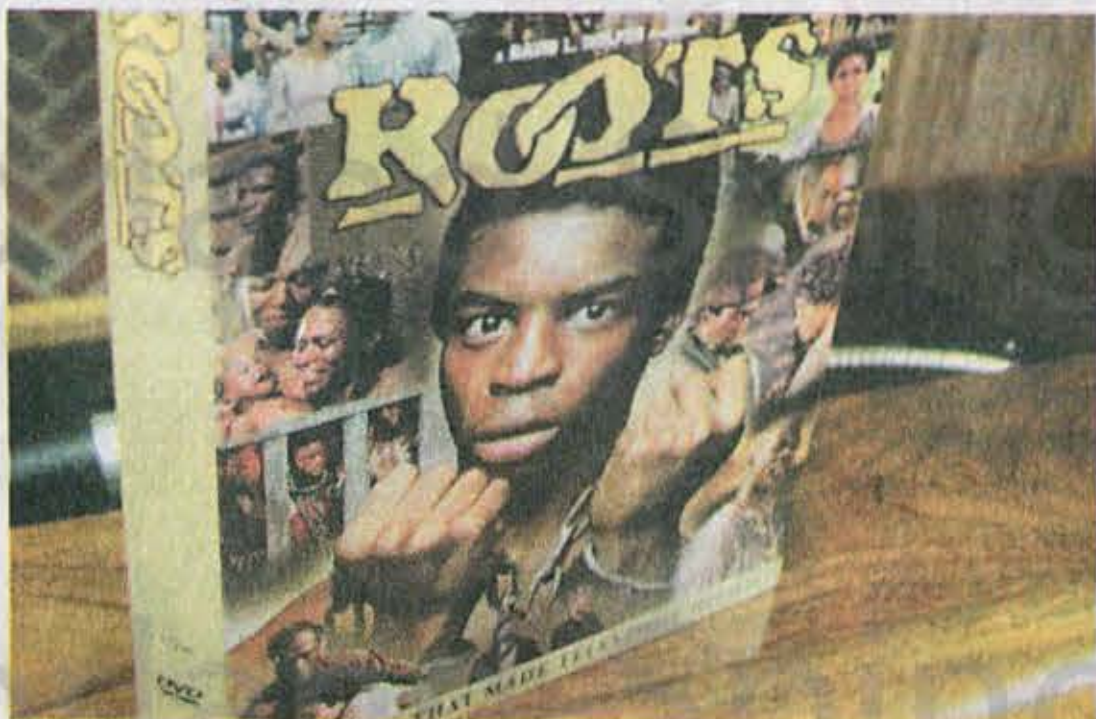
In order to select housing, students receive points for their GPA, classification, distance from their home, commu-

nity service, and employment. Beginning March 21, students who are able to make their deposits will have five days to select their dorm assignments for the 2005-2006 school-year. Those with the most points out of a total of 50 will select housing on the first day, those with the second highest will select housing on the second day and students with the least amount of points will select housing on the third day. Any student who does not choose housing on their assigned day will have the fourth and fifth days to do so.

Chambers said the blue tickets were distributed Monday to get the several hundred students who gathered outside of the Administration Building to pay their housing deposits out of the cold weather.

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ROOTS Organization Hosts Roots Mini-Series



Patrick Jackson-Staff Photographer

The "Roots" mini-series has been shown all week in the Founder Library Browsing Room by the ROOTS organization. They will conclude their presentation Sat., Jan. 29 at 6:30pm.

BY CHRISTINA WRIGHT
Asst. Campus Editor

With Black History Month just a few days away, Howard University student organization ROOTS decided to begin acknowledging the month early. All week long ROOTS has shown and discussed the mini-series "Roots" in the Founder's Library Browsing Room.

During the event, discussion topics ranged from slavery to what Black identity means.

"It's an epic film that covers a long time period and a lot of different issues," said senior political science major and ROOTS president Jaclyn Cole.

"On the eve of Black History Month, our organization decided it was a good place to start a discussion."

The audience for Tuesday's viewing was so compelled by Greg Carr, assistant professor in the Department of Afro-American Studies, that the crowd did not begin to dwindle until 10:00 pm.

"It was really nice to discuss the movie with intelligent people," said sophomore political science major Veronica Williams. "To see the different ways people thought helps me to realize certain things about

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Workshop Gives Networking Advice

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
Hilltop Staff Writer

In an effort to prepare students for networking, an essential part of getting a job, the School of Communications Student Council in conjunction with the Career Services Office sponsored the Professional Attire Workshop.

Marva L. Goldsmith, president and chief image officer of Marva Goldsmith & Associates, gave the audience of approximately 30 students etiquette tips on topics ranging from which fork to use at dinner to how much of a man's sleeve should show at the cuff. She also stressed the three most important parts of networking: visual, verbal and non-verbal communication.

"The visual appearance is so important...make sure the message that you want to send is the one you are sending...really think about the message you want to send, as you are speaking with people you need to be clear about your goals," Goldsmith said. "A lot of times it is difficult to really take advantage of the networking if you don't know what your goals are. Practice messages, practice how you speak, practice showing up and to be really clear about what your ultimate goals are."

For students who have not begun their networking, Goldsmith also offered advice for them to jumpstart the process.

"Depending on what it is you want to do, find organizations that support that work," Goldsmith said. "There are student organizations and all kinds of associations. Start to get into associations that support the work that you want to do. That is the way to develop the network with people that are in a particular area that you are interested in." Goldsmith's presentation provided students with new information as well as answered questions about information that they were uncertain about.

"The most valid point I learned tonight dealt with attire," said senior legal communication major Shani Harris. "We all kind of think we know certain things but it is very, very technical as far as the lines and shapes of the clothes we wear. It was very, very interesting surprisingly. It's something that the School of Communications should consider doing again this semester."

For some students, the workshop also provided the reality of how much they did not know about proper etiquette and how valuable Goldsmith is to the Howard student body.

"It's funny how much you don't know when you think you know so much," said sophomore legal communications major Brandon Wallace and the organizer of the event. "As African-Americans, we are sometimes at a huge disadvantage to our counterparts who started learning this from age seven and we

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VOICES & VIEWS

What do you think about The Hilltop going daily?



Tolu Onibiyo
Sophomore
Computer Engineering

"I think it's a lot of work for the staff, but I think it's all for the better being the number one college newspaper."



Cora Atkinson
Senior
Television Production

"I think it's a big challenge and I hope that they can keep up with it. I hope that they can live up to it."



Charde Miles
Freshman
Broadcast Journalism

"It's a good because a lot of things happen daily that is not include in the paper because it only comes out on Tuesday and Friday."



Christopher Bradshaw
Senior
Political Science

"If they can keep the same quality and improve the quality of the Hilltop it would be a positive thing. It can't become better without practice. I'm sure there will be a period of time to allow for adjustment."

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Talented Tenth Shows Appreciation

BY LAUREN STEVENS
Hilltop Staff Writer

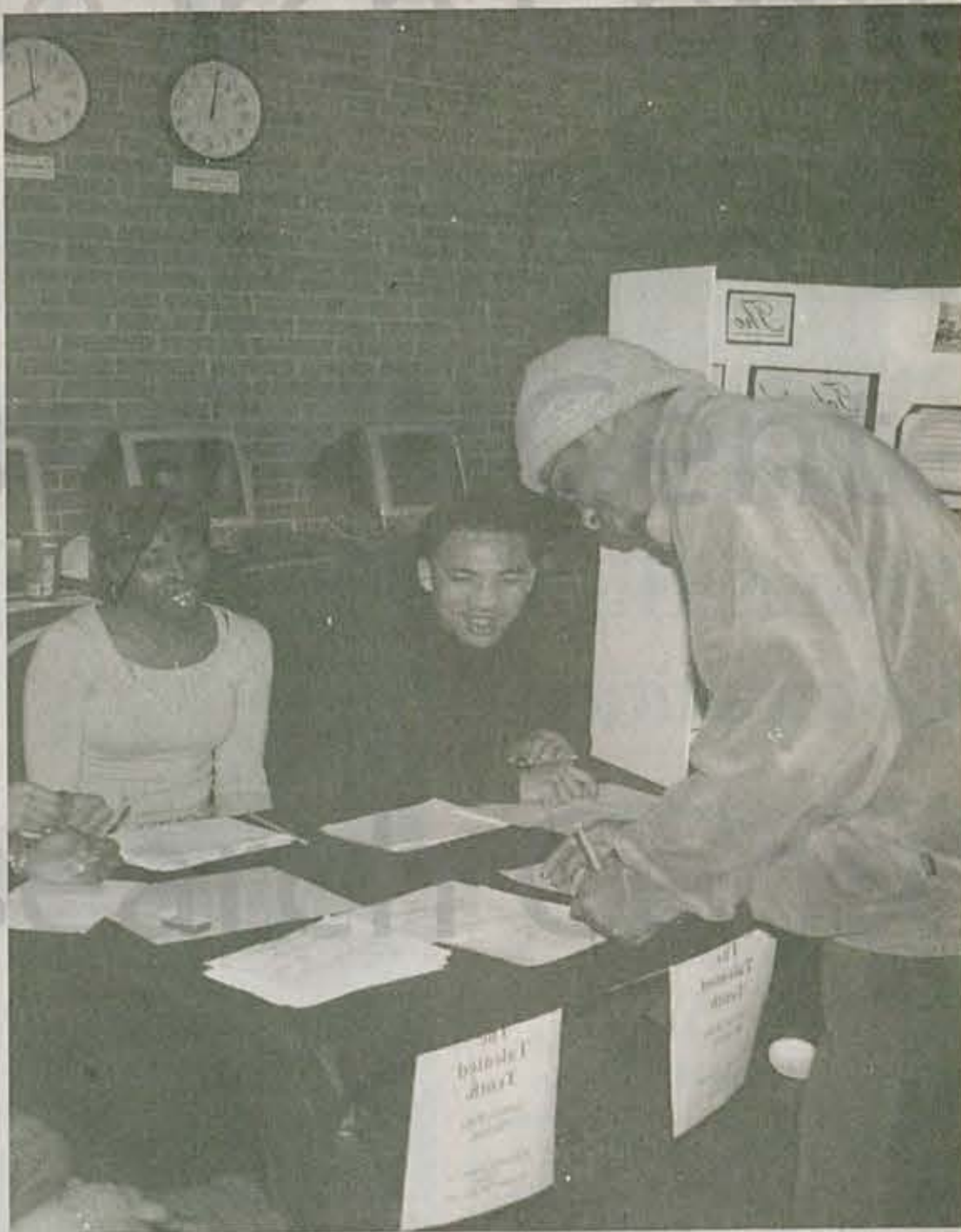
Day in and day out, professors at Howard spend time giving students the tools they need to become the future leaders in their respective fields and often with little appreciation from students. One campus organization is trying to change that. For the last couple of weeks, the Talented Tenth has asked students to fill out surveys to vote for two professors and one staff member to be honored at the first Teacher/Staff Appreciation Ceremony. After the votes are tallied, the top seven teachers and the top three staff members from all schools and colleges will be honored at the ceremony. "We wanted to let them know that we appreciate their services and we appreciate what they do for us," said senior marketing major Adam Zane, presi-

dent of the Talented Tenth. "We wanted to give them incentive to keep working hard." The ceremony is one way the organization is continuing to carry out their mission to bridge the gaps in the Howard community. "We wanted to put on a program that everybody could get involved in," said senior marketing major Joseph Simpson, vice president of The Talented Tenth. "Our professors and administrators here at Howard give back to us through education and time to help us out. We wanted to do something where we could give back to them. This is my fourth year here, and I have never seen a program where they are actually honored. This is just a small token of our appreciation." While it has not been decided whether the honorees will be notified beforehand, the members of the Talented Tenth are

working on a short film, which will feature the teachers who were nominated and student interviews. The positive response from the students who have participated in the nomination process has encouraged the Talented Tenth to make the ceremony an annual event. "I think it's a great idea," Alexis Gunn a junior history major said. "I have had some really good professors and they really haven't been acknowledged. I'm happy someone finally came up with this idea." The Talented Tenth has made a name for themselves around campus with successful fundraising activities such as Bowling for Blankets, which

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Jordan Colbert-Asst. Phot Editor

The Talented Tenth hopes to show teachers how much they are appreciated.



Bunche Center Offers Ample Opportunities

BY TOYNETT N. HALL
Contributing Writer

The Bunche Center, which is a major hub for interdisciplinary studies in the area of international affairs, caters to all students who express an interest in matters beyond the boundaries of the United States. "The Ralph Bunche Center is a beacon of hope for those who are interested in political science and foreign affairs," said Hillary Patterson, a sophomore political science major. In existence since 1993, the Bunche Center serves as one of the most valuable resources that are available to Howard University students. According to Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert, the Bunche Center was designed to "educate African-American youth and other people of color for leadership and service to our nation and the global community." The services provided to students are programs such as Study Abroad, Diplomat-in-Residence, the Patricia Roberts Harris program, the International Affairs Summer Enrichment Program for high school students and the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs program, which is exclusive to Howard students. However, with all the opportunities the Bunche Center has to offer, some students feel that their peers do not take full advantage of the center. "I do not think that students utilize the center enough," said Ashley Denson, a sophomore Spanish major. "The location hinders the amount of students that enter through the facil-

ity, and it is a little out of reach." Study Auguste, a senior sociology and pre-medicine major disagreed. "The Bunche Center makes an outreach to the students," Auguste said. "It is a matter of the students going down the hill and actually looking into it themselves. It is all about the student seizing the opportunity." However, Ambassador Horace G. Dawson, Jr., Ph.D., who serves as the director of the center, indicates that student interest in the center has increased overtime. "I believe this is one of the most used buildings on campus," Dawson said. "We have large numbers of students coming into this center everyday asking for information and participating, as well as organizing, programs." Those students who do engage in programs at the Ralph J. Bunche Center find their experiences to be fulfilling and beneficial. "It was a beautiful, expanding experience," said Joseph Lafayette Gaston, a senior management major who studied in Egypt for 10 weeks. "You learn on so many levels." Hillary Patterson, who was awarded an internship to the Department of State through the Ralph J. Bunche Center, also praises the center. "I really believe that it is very effective on campus and it could be one of the most effective offices in our campus if we were to utilize it well," Patterson said. "What I believe is best about the center is that it allies with other departments."

Female Chess Team in Progress for Fall Semester 2005

BY KERRI COX
Contributing Writer

With the advent of an all female chess team in fall 2005 semester, Howard University will be continuing its legacy of providing pioneers and 'Leadership for America and the Global Community.' According to Vaughn Bennett, founder and coordinator of the Olympic Chess House and coordinator of the Howard University Chess Club's many tournaments, although the formation of an all-female team has been talked about in many spheres, such a feat has yet to be accomplished by an HBCU. "Although the number of sisters participating in chess tournaments has increased, this is not so among African-Americans," Bennett said. "Chess may be considered one of the last frontiers which we have left to explore and conquer." In November 2004, however, the Howard University Chess Team took groundbreaking strides towards recognizing this goal. At the National Chess Congress, an annual tournament, which takes place in Philadelphia, the HU Chess Club sent a team of six players to represent the university and for the first time, two of these players were females. Freshman Liz Carter and junior exchange student Chelsea Downs proved worthy of the pioneering and historical task set before them. In a Swiss formatted tournament, Carter placed eighth, while junior Chelsea Downs placed 32nd out of

77 players. "In the under 1400 division in which Liz Carter participated, there were probably only five women," said Travis Hoskins, a junior chemical engineering major and veteran participant in tournaments with the HU Chess team. "At this tournament, Howard University, an HBCU, accounted for two of the minimal females present." The significance of the female presence during the National Chess Congress tournament was further stressed by Rene Holder, president of the HU Chess Club. "It is important because in doing this we broke another barrier, crossed another boundary, not only as an HBCU, but our women being in a sense double minorities - being Black and female - were given two exceptional individuals who may now serve as role models for others wanting to aspire to similar heights." Holder explained that the club wanted to ride briskly on this wave of success. "We have a lot of female talent and potential in the club. From herein this semester, we will be focusing on organizing training sessions for the ladies interested. We also hope to plan and host our own internal tournaments- tournaments within the club- which would give newcomers to professional chess a feel for what tournament chess is about." Holder is confident that by the end of this semester, the committee of the chess club would be able to select a team of



(From left to right): Travis Hoskins, Emmanuel London, Liz Carter, Rene Holder, Chelsea Downs, Jonathan Fullennellen, Vaughn Bennett and Ehimen Iyamabo. Carter and Downs will soon be members of the Female Chess Team.

females to represent the university in the national tournaments taking place in the fall. These include the Atlantic Open in August, the National Chess Congress in November and the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championship in December. Sophomore electrical engineering major and member of the chess club, Keisha D'arnaud, echoes this concern. "I joined the Chess Club freshman year tremendously excited and almost over-enthused. However, I'm finding it

transfer from. "I don't understand why students pick a major at another school and then transfer and think they're going to get all their credits," Deckard says. She states that certain classes, being major course requirements, have to be taken at the school from which students will graduate. Otherwise, students can expect to have problems transferring credits. "We're accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business," Deckard said. "The only problem is that the AAC doesn't accredit every college." Still, some students who have gone through the hassle of getting credits transferred think there are problems on the administrative level that make it more difficult to transfer their credits. "Originally, when you get to Howard, they don't let you know before you step on the campus how many credits they are taking," Cody said. "Sometimes the counselors won't take the extra step to find out if your credits can transfer or not." To help alleviate this problem, HUTSA tries to have orientation for incoming transfer students to educate them on everything they need to get their credits transferred. However, administrators like Deckard think transfer students should make necessary preparations before transferring. "I'd advise students to take the general core curriculum at previous colleges in order to receive the maximum credits," Deckard said. As for Baker, she takes this ordeal as a lesson learned. "Keep copies of everything," she said. "You need to be in their face, don't let them brush you off."

very difficult to find the time needed to significantly improve my skill level." However, the efforts extended by the Chess Club to produce the first all female team of an HBCU will not be in vain. "When I first started in the Chess Club I was extremely frustrated," said sophomore legal communications major Neijma Celestin. "I was losing all my games. I didn't feel that I was doing as well as I should. But now, I'm winning more and I've now developed a passion for the game."

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Lady Donald Trump a Fashion Fanatic

BY SUSAN D. SIMMONS
Contributing Writer

In 2004, our homecoming fashion show was "Too Hot for TV", we rode "First Class" to the height of fashion in 2003, but in 2002, Howard University's "Pimp Harder" fashion show showcased scantily clad models and racy designs, stirring up a great deal of controversy that year.

Cara Brown was one of the stylists in the "Pimp Harder" fashion show and is one person behind giving the Howard community something to talk about. Brown, a fourth-year international business major with a concentration in marketing, was heavily involved with the production of the show.

"I didn't come up with the theme myself," Brown said. "[The committee] explained to me that pimp harder meant to do whatever you do, but do it right."

With that in mind, Brown handled a clothing dilemma in stride. The large turnout of models involved with the production caused a shortage of outfits toward the end of the show.

"I said, 'one girl put on the pants, another girl put on the jacket,' and sent them down the runway. The girls would just have to cover what was exposed. So

it worked with the whole 'Pimp Harder' theme. It's very common in the fashion world for models to go down the runway in

together a team to produce 'Le Arctique Glace', which was a black art showcase. Brown has also

photography. Brown is currently working with the CEO and head designer of IKON, Justin Siplin, on the marketing plan and company structure.

Designer and friend Aliana Childs has nothing but praise for her colleague. "I would describe [Cara] as being a determined, very structured person," Childs said. "She's so enthusiastic and she drives me to become a better person." Dubbing Brown as the "Lady Donald Trump," Childs admires Brown for her ability to know a little about practically everything and channel that into her creative process.

Brown has much more in the works for the future. Aside from working on Childs' clothing line, she has been doing work with California boutiques Mix Well and Eric George. Brown is also planning on aiding in the expansion of the IKON label. "There are just a lot of things going on for me right now."

Marlene Hawthorne- Staff Photographer

Senior international business major Cara Brown is best known at Howard for her work in the 2002 homecoming fashion show 'Pimp Harder,' and is currently working on another fashion show that can be seen this spring.



run-way in just a pair of briefs."

What has Brown been doing since that ground breaking fashion event? The following spring of 2003, she put

worked with photographer Mark King, a senior advertising major at Howard, and has been instrumental in helping him establish himself in the world of fashion

FRESHMEN SPEAK:

How are you avoiding the freshman 15?

"I didn't gain my freshman 15 because of the nasty café food and all those hills."

Sherie Reed, nursing

"I avoid it by walking up those big hills all day. Those hills are no joke."

Tamekia Pitter, accounting

"I avoid it by not eating the nasty food at the café."

Jamal Terell, finance

"Freshman 15 only happens to you if you let it."

Leslei Barned, accounting

"I have avoided it by walking, and also my weekend exercises at the club."

Raashida Spann, fashion merchandise

"I don't do anything to avoid it."

Neal Solarin, undecided

"I avoid freshman 15 by taking advantage of my meal plan and not eating out."

Nicholle Carpenter-Speller, biology

"I don't do anything in particular to avoid it. Walking around campus is enough for me."

Jerel Murrell, undecided

"I don't avoid freshman 15, I embrace it. I could use the extra weight."

Jeffrey Akins, finance

"I try to avoid it by trying to work out and avoid eating at funny hours."

Maria Liverpool, biology

"I avoid it by playing ball and eating at the café."

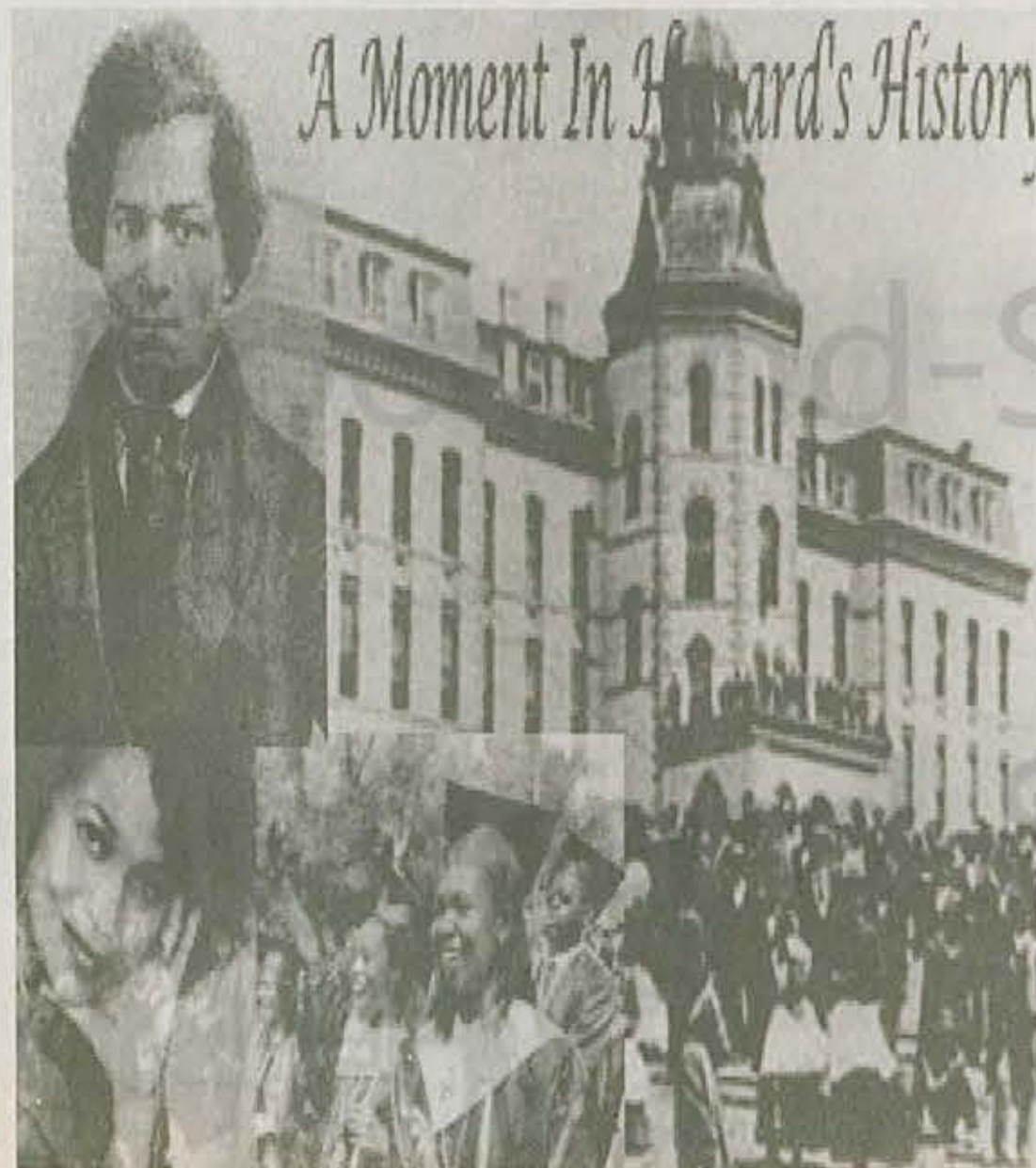
Bruce Weeks, undecided

"The key to avoiding freshman 15 is to regulate how many café cheeseburgers you eat."

Courtney Ricks, psychology

Compiled by Korrey Williams

A Moment in Howard's History: Inadequacies In Howard Bookstore Same in 1975 as 2005



BY MERCEDES WHITE
Contributing Writer

Students have been complaining about high prices and a lack of textbooks in the Howard University Bookstore for at least 30 years. In a Hilltop article, published in 1975 titled "Inadequate Bookstore," professors blamed the bookstore when textbooks were late or missing from the shelves.

When students complained to the bookstore, the bookstore claimed it was because professors failed to place their textbook orders on time. Due to online shopping, students no longer have to travel all over town if their books are missing from the HUB, yet the wait is still about the same.

Students have to wait a week or so until the bookstore receives a new shipment of

books, or the standard three to five business days from online catalogues.

Generations later, some students are still going to class unprepared when professors do not come up with alternative teaching tools in the first two to three weeks of class.

Senior computer science major Nee-ah Covington said that one of her professors gave handouts and copies of his notes to a class were the majority of the students could not afford the required textbook.

While most students seem to agree that the HUB has high prices, some are more concerned with the price of Howard University apparel and clothing than the prices of books.

"You can go anywhere and find Howard T-shirts, hats and other things and it's

cheaper than our own bookstore," said sophomore political science and history double major Cory Scott.

First year Master's candidate in public administration Kamonta Thompson thinks the "Inadequate Bookstore," problem still exist.

"I believe there needs to be a change in the bookstore's policies," Thompson said. "But if they haven't changed in 30 years, I guess they will never change."

In 1975, the bookstore was located in a much smaller space on the lower level of the Harriet Tubman Quadrangle. The store dwelled next door to the current Office of Residence Life. It was not until the September 24, 1999 Convocation Day that the store moved to its new location on Georgia Avenue.

EMPLOYEE of the WEEK



Thelma Paige-Deneal
Patrick Jackson- Staff Photographer

BY KAREN BRUNDIDGE
Contributing Writer

She comes in to work everyday with a positive attitude and a willingness to serve. She is diligent in her work duties, but extremely personable. This is how most students feel about Thelma Paige-Deneal who works in the Dean's Office of the Division of Fine Arts.

"She's one of the most thorough workers at Howard, and she gets to know you on a personal level, actually learning faces and names," said Andrea Hogan, a senior human development major.

Deneal, the coordinator of academic support services, has been working at Howard University for 28 years, and in the Division of Fine Arts since 1992. She also serves as a secretary and mother figure to many students. She assists students in the office, handles graduation requirements for Fine Arts and maintains scholarship money for Fine Arts.

"She has to wear two hats as secretary and coordinator, and obtains and completes documents and correspondence that are crucial to a business day," said Dr. Tritobia Benjamin, associate dean of the Division of Fine Arts.

"I've worked with her for over 10 years and she is always trying to make everyone happy," said Odessa Scott, an administrative assistant in Fine Arts.

"If I have a work injury or need help with a computer related problem, she is always willing and able to provide assistance," said coworkers Eileen Johnson.

Deneal takes the time to welcome students who are from other states and make them feel at home in D.C. Students view her as a mother figure and will help them out as if they were one of her own. She often invites Howard students who frequent her office over for home-cooked meals.

"She makes you feel like you're a part of her family," said Clifton Ross, a sophomore music business major. "She even offered to help me with my finances for school."

Deneal is known for many extraordinary things, such as winning an Emmy for a documentary about Washington, D.C.

"Ms. Deneal is a very important part of the cultural community here, being the daughter of Mary Jefferson, considered to be mother of the blues by many," said Joe Selmon, chairman of the theater arts department. "She extends that legacy to the staff and the students."

Working in the Division of Fine Arts, Deneal's had the opportunity to meet Spike Lee, Ossie Davis, Jane Fonda and Bill and Camille Cosby.

In her free time, Deneal sings in a choir, serves on the Board of Christian Education, and sings in a women's fellowshipshipping gospel group. She also prepares and donates food to homeless shelters.

Deneal prepared food for the homeless this past Thanksgiving. When she retires, she aspires to open her own restaurant business. But for now, she is enjoying every moment spent at Howard.

"I love coming to Howard seeing the students everyday. They keep me young."

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Clinton Blasts Bush Administration

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

In a speech Tuesday before an annual Family Planning Advocates conference, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) said the Bush administration is failing to fund family planning programs, which she says may be contributing to the rising number of abortions in the United States.

Speaking before a crowd of several hundred abortion rights supporters, Clinton said the Bush administration's rhetoric claiming to promote abortion reductions isn't matching its actions because abortion rates are rising. The former First Lady told the crowd that when her husband was president, abortion rates were declining.

"The abortion rate fell by one-quarter between 1990 and 1995, the steepest decline since Roe was decided in 1973," she said.

Also in her speech, Clinton sought to strike a less confrontational stance on an issue that has dogged Democrats in the last two presidential elections. Clinton, a potential presidential contender in 2008, sought to reach out to those who disagree with her on this issue.

"Yes, we do have deeply held differences of opinion about the issue of abortion. I for one respect those who believe with all their hearts and minds that there are no circumstances under which any abortion

should ever be available," she said. "There is an opportunity for people of good faith to find common ground in this debate."

Clinton added, "We can all recognize that abortion in many ways represents a sad, even tragic choice to many, many women. The fact is that the best way to reduce the number of abortions is to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies in the first place."

When asked to respond to Clinton's comments, the White House struck a similar position, saying the president will work with those he disagrees with on this issue.

"The president believes we ought to work together to promote a culture of life," said White House spokesman Ken LaSaus to the Associated Press. "He has made it very clear that whether we agree or disagree on the issue of abortion, that we can all work together to take practical steps to reduce the number of abortions that occur."

Clinton's speech came on the same day that tens of thousands of anti-abortion advocates marched here in Washington D.C., hoping to rally enough support to have Roe v. Wade overturned. The 1973 ruling established a woman's right to choose whether or not to abort her unborn child. Marching to the Supreme Court in freezing temperatures, the pro-life advocates were encouraged by President Bush, who delivered a



Clinton says the Bush Administration isn't funding family planning programs, which may lead to an increase of abortions.

message to them by telephone.

"You know, we come from many different backgrounds, but what unites us is our understanding that the essence of civilization is this: The strong have a duty to protect the weak," Bush said. "I encourage you to take heart from our achievements, because the true culture of life cannot be sustained solely by changing laws. We need most of all, to change hearts."

Pro-life advocates were optimistic at Tuesday's rally because many of the judges on the Supreme Court are said to be considering retirement. Their hope is that President Bush will

replace any retiring justice with a judge sympathetic to their plight, in the end creating a majority on the bench with enough votes to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Police said last week's march was peaceful with no reported arrests or disturbances.

The march began with a morning youth rally and Catholic Mass held at the MCI Center in downtown Washington. Participants listened to music from Christian pop bands. Though there were no arrests, pro-choice and pro-life demonstrators occasionally clashed, exchanging words but never getting into heated arguments.



Gates Gives \$750 Million to Poor African Nations

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

Bill Gates, the billionaire founder of Microsoft, announced his intentions Monday to give \$750 million worth of grants to more than 70 poor nations, including parts of Africa.

The money will be used to help immunize children in underdeveloped nations, where curable diseases such as polio, yellow fever, measles, whooping cough and diphtheria kill thousands. In addition, the funds will help efforts to develop new vaccines for several other diseases including meningitis and rotavirus, which is a diarrheal disease responsible for killing more than half a million children each year.

Gates will make the donation through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, an organization he chairs with his wife. "We've never made a better investment," Gates said at a press conference announcing the new grants. "We're basically saving lives for less than \$1,000 per life."

The money will be distributed through the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), a network of several health organizations, governments and scientists from around the world.

GAVI reports that, on average, two million children die every year of preventable diseases. The organization aims to have 90 percent of the world's children vaccinated in 10 years, which will require an extra eight to \$10 billion.

This donation, which is one of the largest philanthropic donations ever, is similar to an aid package the Gates family donated five years ago. Then, the Gates Foundation gave \$750 million to help establish the international vaccine fund. The fund is credited with vaccinating 670,000 children since 2000. In total, the Gates have given \$1.5 billion to this effort.

The Gates have also used their fame and influence to help governments around the world

to build better public health infrastructures as well as develop long term plans to combat preventable diseases ravaging their countries. Despite some success, Gates said in an interview with The Washington Post, there is still a challenge in getting help for poor nations. "It is a challenge to keep world health in front of people," Gates said. "It is the tragedy that happens again and again and again. Because it is always there in the background, it can lose support."

Gates' desire to help immunize poor children, especially Africans, started in the late 1990s when thousands of children were dying from preventable diseases like hepatitis B. It was then that Gates realized technology alone could not save the poor.

"You want to send computers to Africa, but what about food and electricity," Gates said in a speech. "Computers are amazing in what they can do, but they have to be put into perspective of human values."

Perhaps the region of the globe benefiting most from the Gates family's generosity is sub-Saharan Africa, where countries like Angola and Niger have more than doubled their vaccination rates for children. Similarly, Uganda was able to vaccinate over 80 percent of its children using a \$40 million grant.

Immunization officials praised Gates' generosity. "This is one of the reasons we are starting now to see progress in the neediest countries," Jean-Marie Okwo-Bele told the Los Angeles Times. Okwo-Bele the World Health Organization's (WHO) immunization director. "We are getting into a great era of hope," Okwo-Bele added.

Gates, who has an estimated net worth totaling \$46.6 billion, has also sought to help minorities in this country. In 1999, he announced his foundation's pledge to give \$1 billion over the next 20 years for minority scholarships in technical fields.

This pledge made Gates, a Harvard University dropout, one of the top donors to higher educational causes in the country.

Annan Wants War Criminals Punished

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

Speaking Monday at a ceremony marking the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi death camps, United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the world to punish war criminals responsible for the genocide that has taken place in Darfur, Sudan.

Annan used the occasion, a commemoration of the Holocaust in which genocide was performed against Jews, to admonish the world for failing to stop other incidents of mass murder since the end of World War II. At the time, global leaders promised to never let such things happen again.

"Since the Holocaust, the world has, to its shame, failed more than once to prevent or halt genocide," Annan remarked at the ceremony. "Terrible things are happening today in Darfur, Sudan. It is easy to say that something must be done, to say exactly what and when and how and to do it is much more difficult."

Annan added, "But what we must not do is deny what is happening, or remain indifferent, as so many did when the Nazi factories of death were doing their ghastly work."

The secretary general went on to cite other incidents of genocide before Sudan, including Cambodia, Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia. In the past, Annan was personally criticized for inaction in stopping the mass murders from the genocide in Rwanda and Cambodia.

Annan has not yet provided a detailed



Annan called on the world to punish all those suspected of participating in the genocide taking place in Sudan.

plan of how to stop further killing in Darfur, but says he will encourage the U.N. security council to hold those responsible "accountable." The world may finally be more inclined to act, due to a report that was released Tuesday detailing many violations of international humanitarian law by the government of Sudan. The Sudanese government is accused of allowing a militia to systematically murder and rape thousands of villagers living in Darfur.

An additional two million farmers, along with their families, were also left homeless as a result of the genocide.

The ceremony, which was a part of a United Nations special session, also fea-

tured speakers from more than 30 different governments. Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor and Nobel Peace Prize winner also urged the world to learn from the past.

"The Jewish witness that I am speaks of my people's suffering as a warning," Wiesel said. "He sounds the alarm to prevent these tragedies from being done to others. And yes, I am convinced if the world had listened to those of us who tried to speak, we may have prevented Darfur, Cambodia, Bosnia, and naturally, Rwanda."

Joschka Fischer, foreign minister for Germany said the United Nations must play a central role in stopping future genocide. "Preventing genocide, the resounding never again, is a central raison d'être of the United Nations."

Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz represented the United States at Monday's ceremony. In his remarks, he also said free nations must do more to fight against acts of genocide.

"Americans have fought often to liberate others from slavery and tyranny in order to protect our freedom," he said. "Cemeteries from France to North Africa, with their rows of Christian crosses and stars of David, attest to that truth...peaceful nations cannot close their eyes or sit idly by in the face of genocide."

The special session may serve as a turning point for the United Nations. Ten years ago, representatives from Russia and some Arab countries successfully blocked an effort to recognize the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Nazis death camps.

Bush Seeks \$80 Billion for Iraq and Afghanistan

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

The White House announced this week that President Bush intends to ask Congress for \$80 billion to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for another year.

Senior White House officials, speaking to the press under the condition of anonymity, said \$75 billion will pay U.S. military costs. The remaining \$5 billion will fund the training of Iraqi and Afghan forces as well as the construction of an embassy in Baghdad.

The new proposal, scheduled to be put before Congress next month, will push overall war costs since the September 11th terrorist attacks to \$280 billion if lawmakers approve it. So far, the United States has spent around \$200 billion, with \$121 billion going to Iraq, another \$53 billion to Afghanistan, and

\$29 billion to improve anti-terror efforts around the world.

This excludes a separate \$25 billion package Congress approved for reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan last summer. Most of that money has not been spent, particularly in Iraq where non-stop violence has prevented the rebuilding of many areas throughout the country.

Democrats, who have been critical of the reconstruction effort in Iraq, promised to thoroughly examine the President's request. "What are the goals in Iraq and how much more money will it cost to achieve them?" said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) to the Associated Press. "Why hasn't the president and the Pentagon provided members of Congress a full accounting of previous expenditures?"

Pelosi also said she wants to ask the Pentagon why Iraqi

forces are not yet handling more of the security needed to secure Iraq so that U.S. forces can begin withdrawing.

Some Howard students agree and want Congress to question the president more on his plans for Iraq as well as his spending of taxpayer's dollars.

"This occupation needs to be ended as soon as possible, more money shouldn't continue to be provided for another year of occupation," said Esan Fullington, a junior journalism major from New York. "Things that need to be taken care of here at home are being neglected- things like education and healthcare. It makes no sense to me. We need to get our priorities straight."

In last year's election, President Bush said he planned to cut the soaring budget deficit in half by the time his second term ends in 2008. News of this week's large request for funding

left many doubtful the president will be able to follow through on his campaign pledge.

An administration official told the press the White House expects this year's deficit to total about \$427 billion. Analysts list several reasons to remain doubtful that the president can slash the deficit in half by 2008. They cite President Bush's desire to overhaul social security, which will cost between one and two trillion dollars, as well as his intention to make his tax cuts permanent, adding another \$2.3 trillion dollars to the deficit.

Democrats attacked Republicans over the deficit.

"Republicans control the House, the Senate and the White House, but they can't control budget and they can't escape responsibility for its dismal condition," said Rep. John Spratt (D-S.C.) to CNN.

Republicans said that, as a result of the deficit, many pro-



Bush is expected to ask Congress for \$80 billion to carry out proposed military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan next year.

grams like Medicaid for seniors may face budget cuts. Though this will be tough, Republicans say action must be taken.

"If we do nothing, our kids and grandkids will be overwhelmed by the costs of our inaction," said Sen. Judd Gregg

(R-N.H.) to CNN. The top budget analysts for Congress projected \$855 billion in deficits for the next 10 years if action isn't taken to reduce the nation's debt.

Condoleezza Rice Confirmed As Secretary of State

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

The United States Senate overwhelmingly voted Wednesday to name Condoleezza Rice Secretary of State, making her the first African-American woman to hold the position.

Rice's confirmation was hardly in jeopardy with the final vote being 85 to 13. However, she did receive the largest number of votes against a secretary of state nominee in history. Twelve democrats and independent Sen. Jeff Jeffords of Vermont made up the 13 nay votes.

Rice will replace Colin Powell, who has not yet said what his intentions will be upon retirement. Rice served as National Security Adviser in President Bush's first term and is one of his most trusted advisers. She also significantly shaped the Bush administration's war on terror, strongly advocating the use of force to remove Saddam Hussein.

Rice has not strayed from her contention that Hussein was a threat despite flawed intelligence reports saying he possessed weapons of mass destruction

before the U.S. led invasion.

In the eyes of many democrats, her reluctance to admit mistakes as they see them fueled debate Tuesday before the Senate voted on Rice's confirmation.

One by one, Democrats took the floor of the Senate chamber and railed against Rice and the Bush administration's Iraq policy. Many said her decisions in the first term didn't warrant Rice being elevated to a new post and others worried that her close relationship with President Bush might hinder her ability to be frank with the president on policy matters.

"Rice's record, I'm afraid, is one of intimate involvement in a number of administration foreign policies which I strongly oppose. These policies have fostered enormous opposition, both at home and abroad, to the White House's view of America's place in the world," said Sen. Robert C. Byrd (D-W.Va.) in an hour-long speech.

"Her confirmation will most certainly be viewed as another endorsement of the administration's unconstitutional doctrine of preemptive war, its bullying policies of unilateralism, and

its callous rejection of our long standing allies."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) added, "Dr. Rice was a key member of the national security team that developed and justified for war in Iraq, and it's been a catastrophic failure, a continuing quagmire," he said. "In these circumstances, she should not be promoted to secretary of state."

Republicans dismissed the criticism of Rice and said that Democrats were playing politics. They defended Rice's honesty, especially on Iraq, and said that many nations thought Hussein had a secret weapons program.

"I do not find any disloyalty, any lack of truthfulness in her remarks publicly throughout this process as it related to the earlier base of knowledge of weapons of mass destruction," said Sen. John Warner (R-Va.). Warner called the attacks on Rice "astonishing" and reminded Democrats that many countries considered Iraq a "grave and gathering threat."

Rice was born in Birmingham, Ala. during the height of segregation in the South. She entered college at the age of

15 and later earned a doctorate in international affairs at 26. Rice was provost of Stanford University from 1993-1999, and served as a Soviet expert in the administration of President George H. W. Bush. She was named National Security Adviser in 2001 after tutoring George W. Bush in international affairs during his 2000 campaign.

Rice said last week in hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that she will make an effort



Condoleezza Rice is now the first African-American woman to head the state department.

to reach out to allies as secretary of state, telling senators twice "the time for diplomacy is now." She also pledged to engage the Bush administration more in the Middle East peace process.

Bush Meets with Black Leaders

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

In an effort to reach out to a community solidly against his presidency, President Bush held meetings with Black leaders, including Black pastors and members of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), at the White House this week.

White House officials did not disclose the identities of some of the Black pastors, only saying they were all supporters of the president. The meetings occurred Tuesday and Wednesday and participants told the Associated Press that the president discussed a host of issues that are important to African-Americans.

President Bush told the leaders he remained committed to fighting the spread of AIDS in the Black community and still supports a ban on gay marriage. He also asked the leaders for their support in touting his social security plan. Bush said that allowing Blacks to invest some of their retirement will help the community to acquire more wealth.

The president also pointed out that Blacks generally don't live as long as Whites and end up paying more into the system than what they get out.

"African-American men have had a shorter life span than other sectors of America," said White House press secretary Scott McClellan at a briefing to reporters. "This will enable them to build a nest egg of their own and be able to pass that nest egg on to their survivors."

In the meetings with Black leaders, the President reiterated

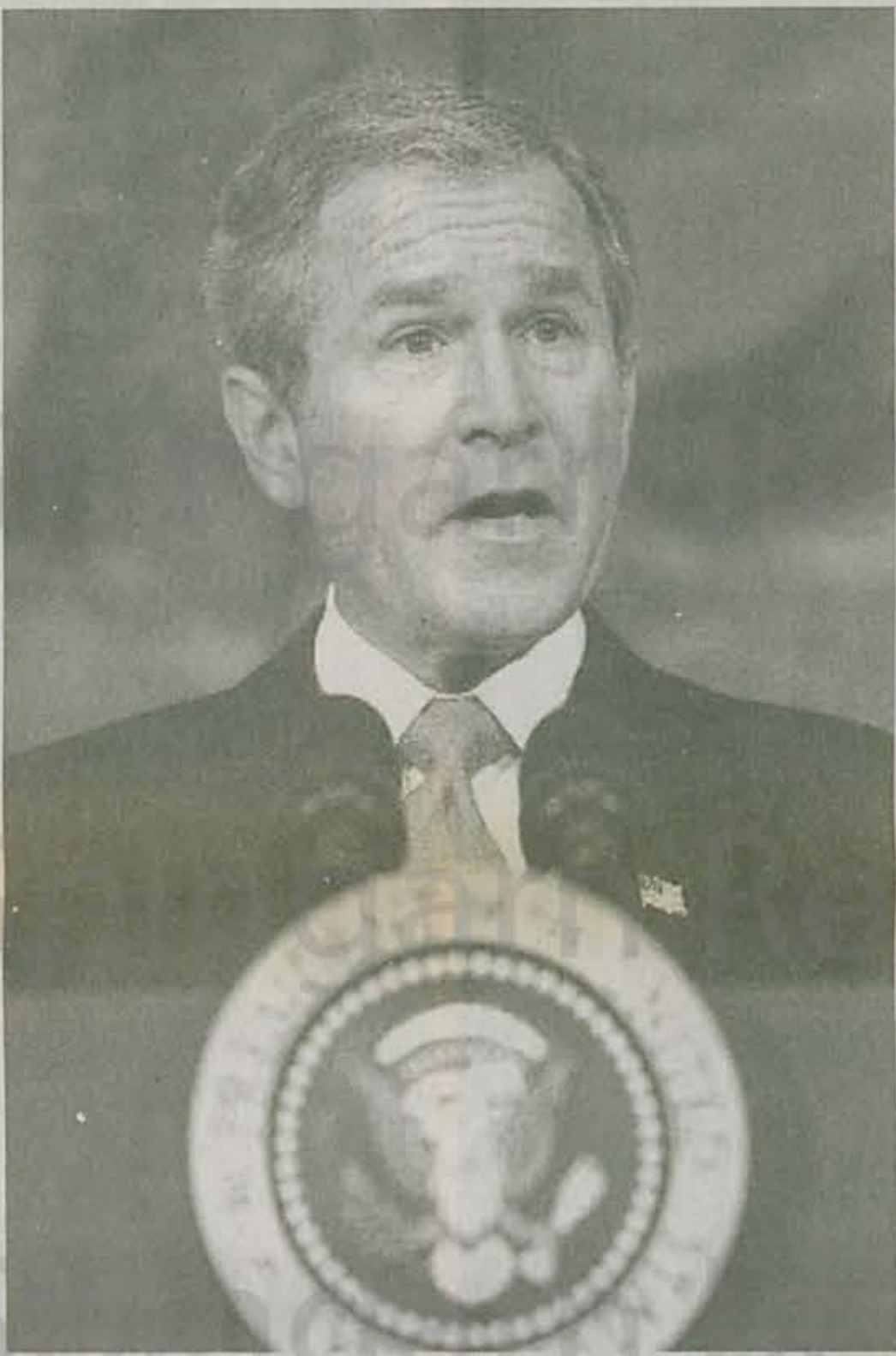
ated he did not want to end social security and said he only wanted his plan to help fix the program.

Political analysts say by meeting with Black leaders early in his term, the President is making a concerted effort to reach out to Blacks, a voting block adamantly opposed to his re-election. Though record numbers of voters showed up to vote last November, Bush only received 11 percent of votes from Blacks. He received only 9 percent in the 2000 election.

But the White House remains optimistic that the president can break the monopoly Democrats have had on Black voters since the 1960s. They cite the support the president has received from Black pastors on issues such as faith based initiatives and school voucher programs.

McClellan said the president's motives for speaking with Black leaders were not purely political. "The White House sees prospects for common cause on social security, education and taxes. It is an opportunity for the president to listen to issues of interest to these leaders," McClellan said. "There is a mutual interest in getting together to talk about our mutual priorities."

Rep. Melvin Watt (D-N.C.), the newly elected chairman of the CBC, said the president must do more than call a meeting if he wants a better relationship with Black leadership. "Unless the president can and is willing to assist us in achieving items on our agenda, there is no particular reason that the Congressional Black Caucus needs to be



President Bush met with Black clergy and the Congressional Black Caucus this week to discuss African-American issues and urged them to support his plan to reform social security.

meeting with him," Watt told the Associated Press. "This is not about being able to say that we met with the president. We actually think it is about advancing and supporting our agenda."

Bush's meeting with the CBC was only the third of his presidency. He met with them for the first time following

his first inauguration in 2001 and, despite repeated requests from the CBC for additional meetings, did not see the group again until February of 2004. Then CBC leaders called the White House and said they were coming to pressure the president to leave former Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in power.

Iraq Gears Up for Elections Amidst Insurgency

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

Seeking to make Iraq safe enough for elections on Sunday, the United States military launched several offensives this week aimed at dismantling a violent insurgency.

Most of the offensives, which also consisted of foot patrols by soldiers, took place throughout Northern and Central Iraq. The military is paying special attention to places like Mosul, where 75 percent of the Iraqi police force walked off the job after being harassed by insurgents who were beheading anyone cooperating with U.S. forces.

Military officials say they have arrested hundreds of insurgents, as well as confiscated large caches of weapons. U.S. forces were told to keep their eye out for potential bomb makers, who may try and blow up polling places in an effort to put fear in the hearts of Iraqis planning to vote.

"We want to eliminate as

many of these guys as possible to stabilize things for the election," Captain Sean Kuehl told the Los Angeles Times. The U.S. military, as well as President Bush, are well aware of the fact that a significant number of Iraqis must vote for the election to be viewed as a success.

In a press conference Wednesday, Bush said the United States remains committed to democracy in Iraq and condemned insurgents planning to disrupt Sunday's election.

"I firmly planted the flag of liberty for all to see that the United States of America hears their concerns and believes in their aspirations and I am excited about the challenge and am honored to be able to lead our nation in the quest of this noble goal, which is freeing people in the name of peace," Bush said.

"These terrorists do not have the best interests of the Iraqi people in mind. They have no positive agenda. They have no clear view of a better future. They are afraid of a free soci-

ety."

President Bush's commitment to stand with Iraqis came on the bloodiest day for U.S. forces. Thirty-seven soldiers were killed Wednesday, most in a helicopter crash at an area near Iraq's border with Jordan. Bush remembered the troops during his press conference Wednesday.

"The story today is going to be very discouraging to the American people. I understand that," he said. "We value life, and we weep and mourn when soldiers lose their life. But it is the long-term objective that is vital and that is to spread freedom."

Despite the violence and threats, many Iraqis seem ready to risk their lives for a chance at democracy. On Sunday, Iraqis will have to pick a president from a list of more than 200 choices.

A poll taken of Iraqis planning to vote, show that nearly a third of them back interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. It is believed by many from around

the world watching the unfolding events in Iraq, that Allawi is the choice of the United States government.

U.S. Ambassador John D. Negroponte praised Allawi to the Los Angeles Times. "He inherited a situation where he had an appointed government that he didn't choose himself," Negroponte said. "He has managed to bring this Cabinet together as a reasonably cohesive team."

Allawi has used a campaign modeled after western politicians to take the lead. Using television commercials and heavy advertising, Allawi has made most Iraqis supportive of his candidacy, but not all. "I wouldn't even think about voting for someone who killed my cousins and brothers in Fallouja, Mosul and many other parts of Iraq," Mohammed Aadhami told the Los Angeles Times.

Aadhami was referring to military raids approved by Allawi, in which dozens of Iraqi citizens were killed.

Congress Calls For More Money To Help Deceased Soldiers' Families

Congressional leaders are calling for an increase in the amount of money given to the families of fallen soldiers killed in combat, various news outlets report. Legislation drawn up by Republican Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) and Democratic Sen. Mike DeWine (Ohio) will increase the one time tax-free death gratuity from \$12,000 to \$100,000 and would allow the children of soldiers killed in battle to continue receiving health benefits after their parent's death.

The proposals will be retroactive, which means families of soldiers killed in Afghanistan in 2001 will be eligible. The package is expected to cost around \$150 million and may affect as many as 1,500 soldiers.

Plane Carrying Suspected Immigrants Forced Down

A small single engine plane carrying four Chinese nationals suspected of smuggling was ordered down in Texas earlier this week, various news outlets report. The plane was intercepted and forced to land by authorities.

Passengers on the plane were immediately questioned by the FBI and officials from the Department of Homeland Security about possible links to a group of Chinese people who reportedly entered the United States through Mexico and were planning to detonate a radioactive bomb in Boston. As of Tuesday, authorities said they had found no evidence the passengers on board were linked to international terrorism.

"We Are the World" Set For Return to Raise Money for Tsunami Victims

The all star studded anthem "We Are the World," recorded 20 years ago to help famine relief efforts in Africa, will be re-issued next month to raise money for tsunami survivors in East Africa as well as Aids victims.

The song is a part of a double disc and features four hours of footage shot while entertainers recorded the song. Hundreds of radio stations across the globe also plan to broadcast the song simultaneously today at noon Eastern Time. The initial release of the song raised over \$60 million and featured many mega stars including Michael Jackson, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder and the late Ray Charles.

Annan Questioned in Oil for Food Scandal

Officials investigating the wrongful diversion of funds from the United Nations Oil for Food Program have questioned Secretary-General Kofi Annan about his possible involvement

in the scheme, various news outlets report. "The secretary-general is part of the investigation; is a subject like anyone else involved in oil-for-food at the secretariat," said U.N. spokesman Fred Eckard to Foxnews. The Oil-for-Food program was established in 1996 and allowed Saddam Hussein to sell unlimited amounts of oil so long as the profits from the oil sales were spent on medicine and food for the Iraqi people. This recent investigation of the program stems from allegations that officials working for the U.N. secretly took bribes from Hussein and allowed him to steal money from the program.



Prosecutors Want to Interview Bill Cosby

Prosecutors investigating the claims of a woman who says she was fondled by famed comedian Bill Cosby, want to interview him before deciding if charges should be filed, various news outlets report.

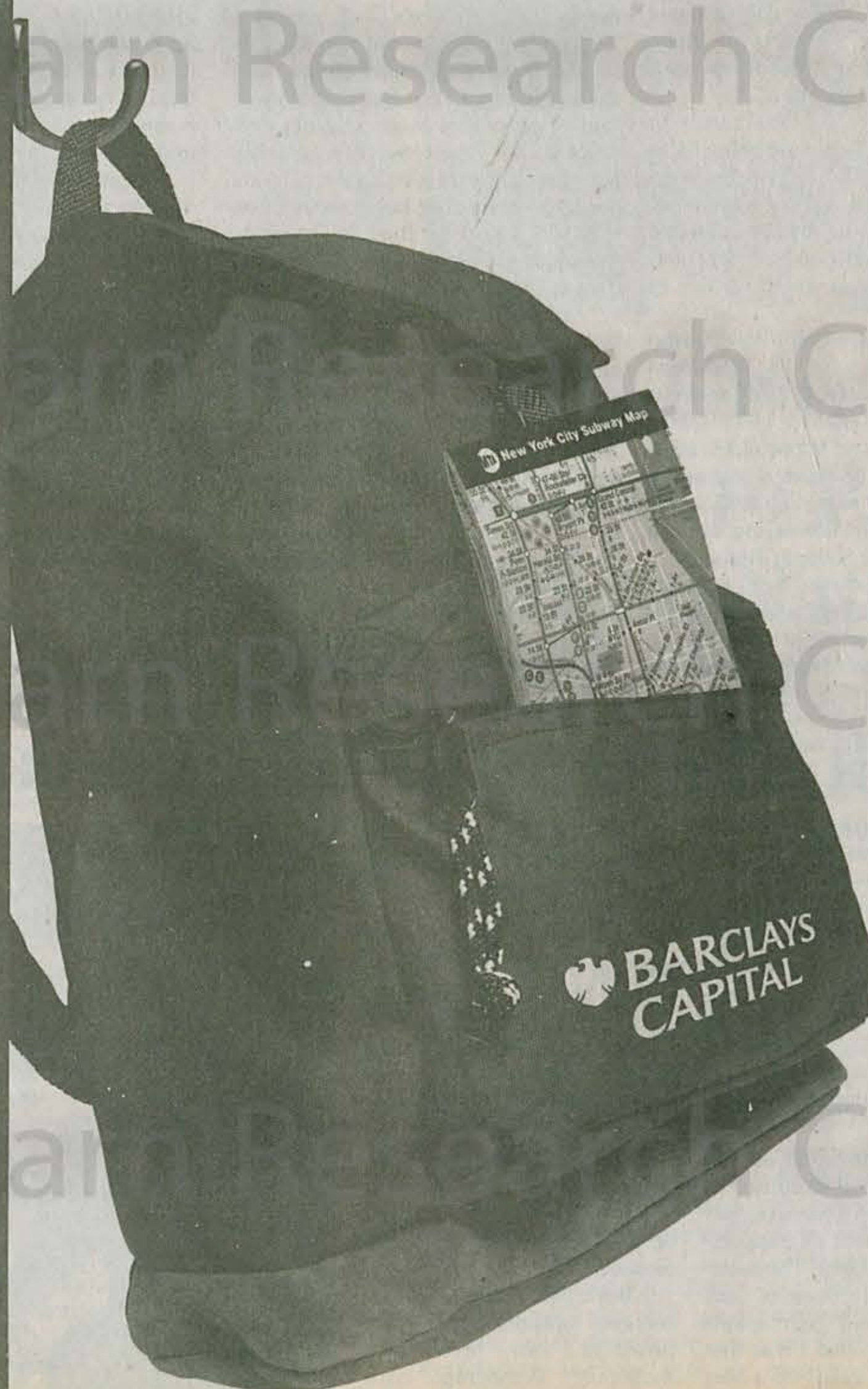
The woman, who is a 31-year-old former employee of Temple University, now lives in Canada and says Cosby assaulted her in his home after they and others met there to have dinner. The woman filed the complaint against Cosby on January 13. When the story broke, 67-year-old Cosby initially postponed several appearances but now plans to keep his schedule the same. Cosby's attorneys denied the charges, calling them "bizarre."

30 Marines Die in Crash in Iraq

Thirty marines were killed Wednesday in Iraq when a helicopter carrying them crashed near the border of Iraq and Jordan. The crash, coupled with the deaths of six other soldiers in unrelated incidents, made Wednesday the deadliest day since the start of the Iraq war in March 2003. Officials said the helicopter crashed while participating in a routine mission for the upcoming Iraqi elections. As of Wednesday, a reason for the crash was not given, but some speculated that weather may have been a factor.

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ROOTS, from Campus A1
myself and my ethnicity."

However, the turn-out for Wednesday night was not as substantial. With only one attendant in attendance 45 minutes after the program was scheduled to begin, Cole remained optimistic.

"The success of a dialogue is not measured by the number of people, but by the discussion that takes place," Cole said.

When ROOTS was developed, the founders had not named the group for the popular miniseries. The idea came from the common connection

between the older, younger, and current generations of African background. ROOTS seeks to develop the leaders of tomorrow through open dialogue, so that they may actively participate and take action within their communities.

"Most organizations are so focused on what they are going to do that they don't focus on developing the person," Cole said.

ROOTS's next event will feature Stokely Carmichael's autobiography *Ready for Revolution: The Life and Struggles of Stokely Carmichael*. Carmichael was a

founder member of the Civil Rights organization Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). He is considered a key player in the Black Power movement of the 1960's. ROOTS will hold a dialogue on February 16 titled "Ready for Revolution." The group hopes to have Howard alumnus Charles Cobb and former members of SNCC talk about student activism and its importance.

"Knowing what someone else did gives you a need to do the same," Cole said. "[It] also gives you a sense of history."

Housing Fair Next Resort

HOUSING, from Campus A1

According to Chambers, after the blue tickets ran out, flyers were posted in all dorms stating that yellow tickets would be distributed Tuesday at 8 a.m. in the Administration Building to give students who did not receive a blue ticket the chance to pay their deposit all next week.

"We were not prepared to accommodate that many students to make a payment,"

Chambers said. "That was a failure on our part in which I am willing to take full responsibility."

The current RSVP system has been in place since the 2002-2003 school-year, yet this is the first time such an incident occurred. According to Chambers, the only difference between the RSVP process this year than in the past two years is that students chose to pay their housing deposits sooner rather

than later.

To prevent the problem from arising next year, the University is currently planning new ways for students to make their payments.

"We're preparing to allow students to make their payments online," Chambers said.

"We're also considering allowing students to make their payments as they pay tuition. That will make it as convenient as possible for the students."

Goldsmith Offers Students Advice

ADVICE, from Campus A1

don't learn this at all. When we have events like this, we are sort of able to even the playing field."

Overall, students left the seminar impressed with the presentation and ready to put Goldsmith's advice into practice at the Pre-Law reception, held on Feb. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blackburn Reading Lounge. The reception will provide students interested in pursuing a career in law with the opportunity to network with legal professionals and representatives from law schools.

Mark King, Staff Photographer

In a workshop in Blackburn on Wednesday, Marva L. Goldsmith, president and chief image officer of Marva Goldsmith & Associates, shared her expertise on networking and professionalism.



Tenth Showcases HU Teachers

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raised money to buy blankets for the homeless in the District, specifically those around the Howard community.

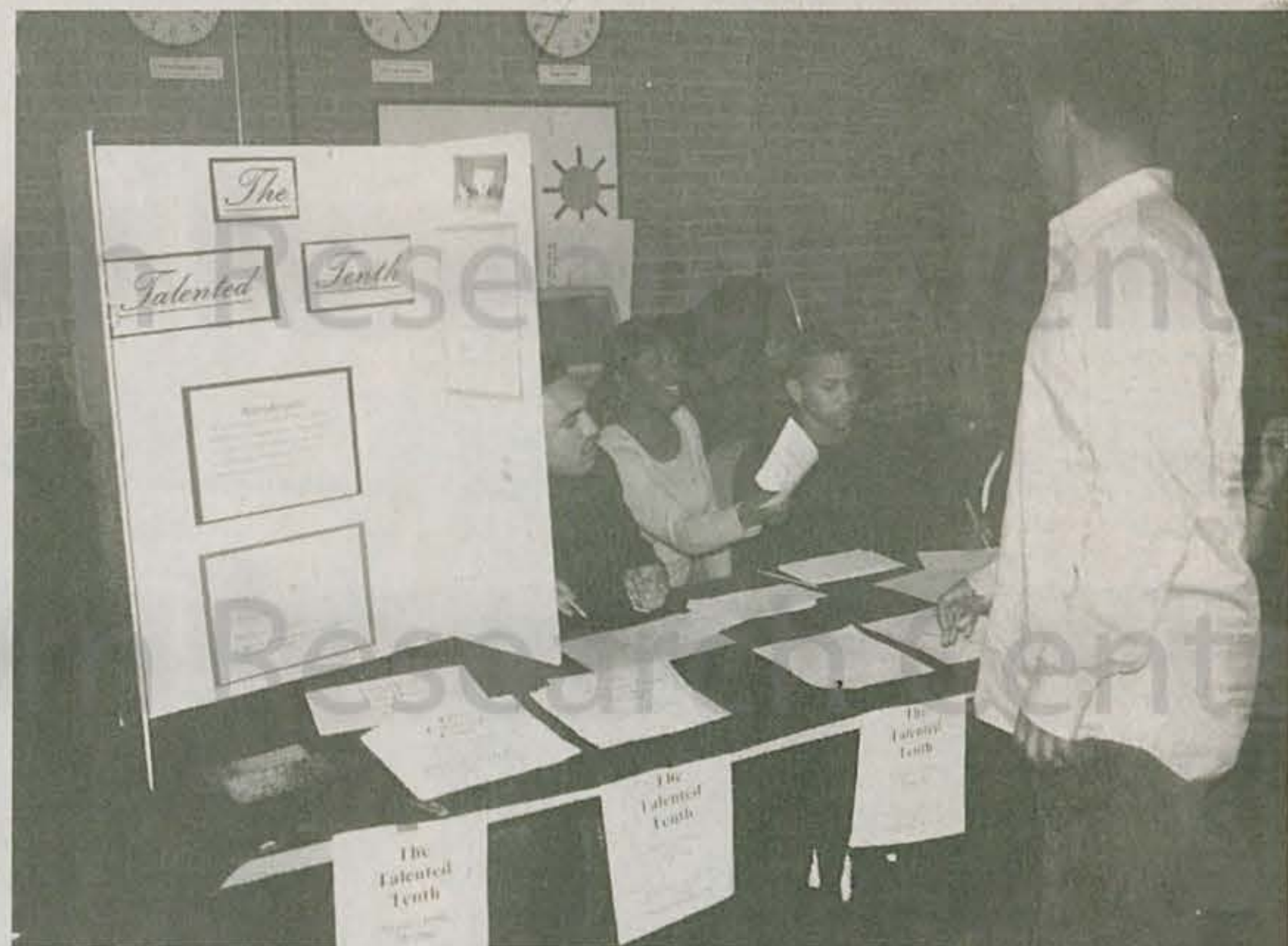
"We have had the blankets for a while but it wasn't really cold last semester," Zane said. "But the past couple of days that it's been cold we actually went

out and gave [the blankets] out to the homeless."

This semester, the organization is planning to focus on the early detection and prevention of breast cancer among black women, with Bowling for Breast Cancer, a fundraising event to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. Other events in the planning stages

include a talent showcase for Howard students, mentoring at Bruce-Monroe Elementary School and continuing their efforts to help the homeless.

The Teacher/Staff Appreciation Ceremony will be held Feb. 17 in the Blackburn Center Gallery Lounge at 6:30pm.

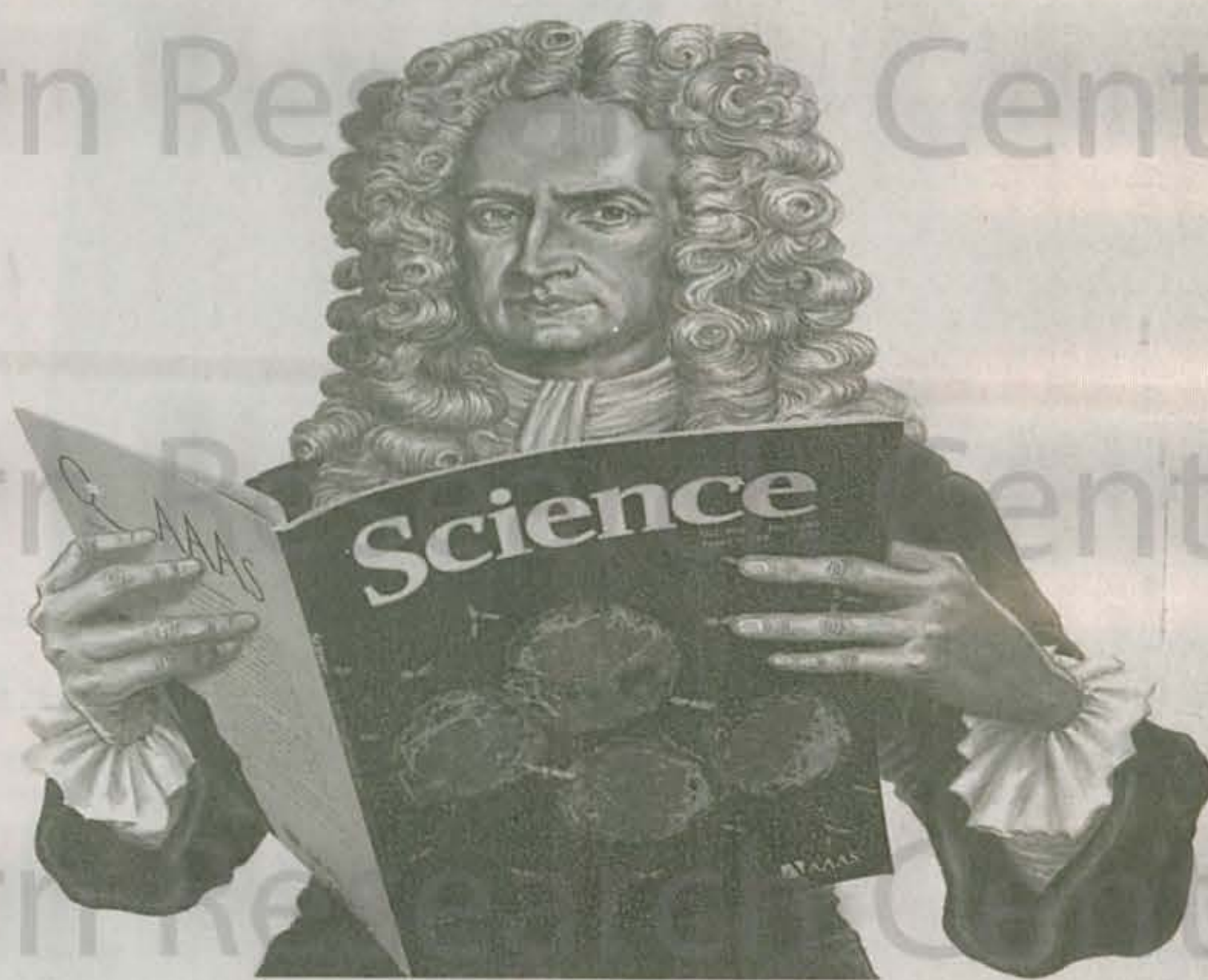


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Talented Tenth will hold its Teacher's Appreciation February 17 in the Blackburn Gallery. This is not the first event for Talented Tenth as they have also sponsored "Bowling for Blankets."

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Contributing Writer

While most students are trying to mentally prepare for the core of the current semester, Howard University football star Ronald Bartell is in Arizona training for the NFL.

Just three years ago, Ronald Bartell, a top-notch defensive back from Detroit, Mich. was only focused on the door closing in on his football career. Sensing the need for a change, Bartell chose to leave behind a full scholarship at Central Michigan University to become a member of the Howard University football program.

The Howard coaching staff welcomed the 6-foot-3-inch, 200-pound speedster with open arms. Bartell's All-City, All -Metro and Defensive Player of the Year Award while in high school gave the coaches at Howard high hopes for what he could accomplish as a Bison; his credentials spoke for themselves.

Bartell's arrival both on campus and on the football field went from anticipation to reality, as Ronald never ceased to amaze coaches with his excellent performances in the clutch.

Howard University's website shows that the cornerback, from the Motor City, capped off a stellar season in late November after earning 39 tackles, one interception, one fumble recovery and a team high of 14 pass break-ups. Bartell's performance also caught the attention of other conference coaches because he was voted first team All- Conference.

The list of those impressed continues as NFL



Ronald Bartell Jr. (#1) made crunching tackles and pass break-ups a regular part of the Bison secondary this past season. He had a team-high of 14 pass break-ups this season.

scouts have noted over his size and coverage ability. Ed Hill, the Director of Sports Information at Howard said, "I have been here 21 years and no player has generated as much attention from NFL scouts."

Hill made an accurate observation because Bartell, who was also given an invitation to play in the Senior Bowl, an all-star game that includes the top seniors in college football, has impressed

many scouts.

Ronald Bartell achieved his success with an old-fashioned method. According to an interview with www.cmichucippewas.com, his old school, Bartell said, "The best thing about me is that I'm a hard worker."

Many of Bartell's teammates would also agree that he is an extremely hard worker on the football field. They are also glad that his hard work has

been noticed because the rave reviews that Bartell has garnered will help other Bison get scouted in the future.

Antoine Bethea, a junior safety and All-American said, "It will help players in the future have the opportunity to be noticed."

Ronald Bartell is ranked as the number one Black college prospect and is ranked eighth overall at his position by both ESPN's Mel Kiper and The Sporting News.

Though Bartell is getting praised for his football skills, he has many expectations to meet once he is drafted into the NFL.

Coach Ron Bolton, a former NFL player, is convinced that Bartell will be successful. "He has the tools, speed, size and aggressiveness for the NFL. The rest is all up to him and how well he practices. If he does that, it is a no-brainer, he will be successful," Bolton said.

Howard's football team has nurtured pre-NFL players such as Jimmy Johnson, J. Sky Walker and Marques Ogden. However, the football team has never nurtured such a profound talent as Ronald Bartell, who should be drafted into the NFL in 2005.

Yet, beyond the hype, he has left a wonderful and lasting impression on his coaches and teammates, which is not always seen by star players that are receiving an overwhelming amount of press. When Bethea and sophomore wide receiver, Larry Duncan were asked, "Will Bartell be a big loss to the team?" Simultaneously, without hesitation, both responded, "Yes."

Lady Bison Aim For Turnaround After Losses

BY HEATHER FAISON
Contributing Writer

The Lady Bison basketball team walked off the floor in disbelief after (2-13, 1-4 MEAC) North Carolina A&T pulled off their first victory against the top ranked Bison since 1999. The Aggies ended a 10-game losing streak, captured their first conference win of the season and derailed the Lady Bison's four-game winning streak.

Leading by nine at half time, the Bison returned to face a shocking 87-74 defeat that led some to believe that the championship contenders may have underestimated their opponent.

"It's hard to say if whether they got over confident or lackadaisical. Sometimes when you're an athlete you don't understand the magnitude of every game night after night," said Assistant Coach Andre Bolton. Since then, the Bison lost their second successive game against Hampton.

The Lady Bison will face a similar match-up Saturday, Jan. 29, at Burr Gymnasium, as the 10th ranked Bethune-Cookman College Lady Wildcats attempt another underdog victory. After seeing firsthand, the reality of "any given game," Head Coach Cathy Parson looked past the Wildcats' (3-10, 2-5 MEAC) conference record and quickly sighted two potential threats.

"They have two outstanding players, Katie Clark and [Latonya] Reed. Those are two impact players for them that can potentially make all conference," Parson said. The Wildcats' junior guard, 5-foot-8-inch Katie Clark, is a player of the week recipient and leads the team in scoring, averaging 13.7 points per game.

Another standout player on the Wildcats line is their 5-foot-9-inch senior guard, Sarah Johnson, who is the team's second leading scorer with 14 points per game, and her 9.4 rebounds average give her the second highest average in the conference.

The Wildcats, who finished

with a 10-8 conference record last season, have undergone changes in their coaching staff, and are now adjusting to the style of newly instated Head Coach Francis Simmons.

An edge that the Wildcats do have over the Bison is their MEAC victory against fourth ranked Norfolk State, an opponent that the Bison lost to this past Saturday with a final score of 82-79. This victory proved that the Wildcats are capable of defeating a top-ranked team, a reality that Parson does not take lightly.

"As a coach, I never underestimate an opponent. You have to go compete nightly to prove that you are what your record says that you are," Parson said.

That is exactly what the third ranked Bison intend to do: prove to others and themselves that they deserve to be at the top. The Lady Bison team has been led by the phenomenal talent of senior 5'8" guard Daisha Hicks. The starring point guard leads the conference in scoring, averaging 17.9 points, and is adjusting nicely to her new leadership role.

"I know that as a senior I have a certain amount of responsibility to the team. As for my role on the team, I knew that in order for us to be successful I would have to be in the leadership position," Hicks said.

Although the Lady Bison's backcourt is one of the smaller line-ups in the conference, first year assistant coach and former Lady Bison Felicia Kemp



Melloni Benson led Howard with 16 points but the Lady Bison came up short in a home loss to Hampton on Monday.

has found a way to get around that disadvantage. "We teach them fundamentals. That's usually what's going to get us over; because of our size we must be fundamentally sound," Kemp said.

The surprise of the season for the Lady Bison has been the stellar performance by 5'7" junior guard Brittany James. The standout guard has made a complete turnaround from last season, averaging 13.1 points per game and breaking the school's three-point record, scoring nine three-pointers during the victory over South Carolina State.

Parson is off to her best start in her tenure with the team, so naturally a possibility of a MEAC championship is close at hand. "I really believe we are capable of being a great team. We can get it done, but that's not going to be handed to us. It is going to take war," Parson said. Hopefully, the Lady Bison have healed their wounds and are ready to fight.

Bison Continue Despite Growing Injury List

BY KONAHE JERNIGAN
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The men's basketball team hopes to break its five game losing streak this Saturday, Jan. 29, when they face Bethune-Cookman College.

Bethune has struggled this season, but pulled off a win in their most recent game against North Carolina A&T. Scoring a win on Saturday is vital to the Bison's confidence and mental solidarity.

Freshman point guard Christian Murphy said, "Right now we need to come together and work better as a unit. We're frustrated because of our losses, and winning on Saturday will do a lot to help the team."

Struggling to find leadership and unity, the Bison suffered a grave defeat against Hampton University on Monday. The team is missing its leader and one of its top scorers and starting point guard Will Gant. Gant is suffering from a broken nose, an injury he obtained on Jan. 22 in the match-up against Norfolk State. The Bison are hoping for his return this weekend.

Howard is struggling, 5-11 overall, and 2-5 against MEAC contenders. The Bison are being outscored by about an average of eight points per game, an increase of about four points since previous games. Their field goal percentage has dropped to .373, and the Bison are committing more turnovers.

Head Coach Frankie Allen said, "We have to focus on playing better and make sure we're playing efficiently." He added, "We need to rebound the ball more. We're making too many turns, which is a result of poor decision making."

Gant's absence is creating a big problem for the men's basketball team. Sophomore shooting guard Darek Mitchell said, "No one stepped up in Monday's game. A lack of leadership led to our loss against Hampton."

Coach Allen and other teammates agreed that Gant's absence is adversely affecting the team's game.

Bethune-Cookman is struggling to stay afloat this season as well. Their current overall record is 7-10; they are 4-4 in the conference. The Wildcats' stats are slightly more impressive than Howard's, but working against them is their habit of turning the ball over; the team is averaging 17.4 turnovers per game. Like Howard, the Wildcats are getting outscored and out-rebounded by their opponents.

In order to ensure a win on Saturday, Howard is going to have to be aggressive. They will need to force the Wildcats to turn the ball over and play a post game. The Bison also need to make good use of the game clock. In addition to using their talent and efficiently executing the basics of basketball, the men will need to contain Bethune-Cookman's leading scorers Michael Williams and Antonio Webb.

The two usually reach well over double digits when the Wildcats are victorious. This could prove to be one of the keys of the game.

Coach Allen commented, "We will need to watch out for Williams and defend the perimeter. We also

have to play good defense. Bethune has not played well against zone defense, our coverage will give us the opportunity to win the game."

The Bison are waiting to hear if Will Gant will be able to play in Saturday's game; he is currently being fitted for a facemask to aid his injury.



Cliffone Ault has been searching for support from his team since injuries sidelined both Louis Ford and Will Gant.



Key players like Darek Mitchell will have to take on a larger mantle coming off the bench if the Bison are to be successful.

Master and Magician: Ronaldinho, Henry are World's Best

BY KEVIN JOHNSON-AZUARA
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Last week, the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) announced its 2004 Team of the Year as selected by users of its website, www.uefa.com.

Among the 11 players chosen were Barcelona's Brazilian playmaker Ronaldinho Gauchó and Thierry Henry of Arsenal and France. Hile Henry was simply irresistible last season, bagging 44 goals, 30 of those in the England's Premiership, he was very unlucky to lose out to Zinedine Zidane in FIFA's 2003 World Player of the Year poll.

A month ago, Ronaldinho, at just 24, totaled 620 points to win the 2004 FIFA (in Spanish, Fédération Internationale de Football Association) World Player of the Year award, easily surpassing the 552 votes garnered by Henry. It marked the second successive year that Henry had finished second in the poll.

Consequently, some fans and pundits feel Henry was cheated once again. On the other hand, numerous analysts maintain that Ronaldinho is indeed the best footballer in the world.

Once famed for his antics off the pitch, his transfer from an underachieving side (Paris St. Germain) to Barcelona has augmented Ronaldinho's magical and awe-inspiring performances as a footballer. At press time, Barca held a near unassailable nine-point lead at the top of the Primera Liga, Spain's top tier league.

This standing was a dramatic transformation from the troubled club he joined 18 months ago, and it now seems increasingly plausible to assume that the world's best player belongs to the world's best team. Ronaldinho's dazzling array of showy step-overs, audacious reverse passes, free kicks, flicks, party tricks and ever-present toothy grin have been integral the entire process.

From the moment he was greeted by 30,000



Brazil's Ronaldinho and France's Thierry Henry were 1, 2 in the FIFA World Football Player of the Year Award which was announced in December. The footballers play for clubs Barcelona and Arsenal respectively.

rapturous Barca fans at his official unveiling, the 24-year-old has played up to his image as the club's savior, reveling in his new role as Catalonia's catalyst.

For junior business management student Kyle Lequay, "Quite simply, Ronaldinho has perfected and stamped his signature on the 'spanner' or 'snake' move. I love him."

Barcelona coach, Frank Rijkaard was quoted on www.uefa.com as saying, "He's already playing at such a high level that he's the best in the world and Ronaldinho's biggest challenge is staying the best. As he gets older, wiser and more experienced he could improve. He has tremendous speed and acceleration but also has excellent vision of the game."

The attraction of playing alongside such a charismatic performer has helped Barcelona lure stars such as Deco, Samuel Eto'o and Henrik Larsson to the Nou Camp. FIFA's ennoblement in Zurich in December may be the first trophy he has won while at Barcelona, but more will surely follow.

"Without a doubt, Arsenal's previously unbeaten run of 49 games is greatly attributed to Thierry Henry's pace, dribbling, shooting, and dead-ball accuracy. His mastery of the art of goal scoring shows that he deserves the title of being the world's best footballer," says sophomore engineering major, Olaoluwa Okelola.

Born in Paris, France to immigrants from Guadeloupe, Henry was one of the supremely gifted and successful crop of players who went through the French soccer academy at Clairefontaine and won the European Under-20 Youth Championship in 1996. The 26-year-old forward has added a killer touch to his obvious attributes and that has seen him go from a failed winger in his time at Juventus, to a striker feared by all his opponents. Stunning pace and increasingly unerring finishing have made Henry the darling of Highbury and a star of the French national team. He has picked up World Cup and European Championship winners' medals with France and is widely regarded as one of the most lethal finishers and coveted strikers in the world.

The terrifying thought for Arsenal's opponents is that Henry shows signs of further improvement, notwithstanding an Achilles heel injury that has hindered him this season. Nonetheless, his world-class talent remains undoubted.

Indeed, it seems the soccer world is fortunate to be blessed with players of Henry and Ronaldinho's caliber. Nonetheless, the question of who deserves the label of "the world's greatest footballer" remains a hotly debated topic.

A Cultural Experience: The HBCU All-Star Classic

BY KHALEA FIELDS
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Every season has its apex. Every sport has its championship game. And every game has its most valuable player. But what happens when the season is over?

For most senior athletes at Historically Black Colleges and Universities, their game gear is retired, gowns are ordered, caps are tossed and they are thrust into the working world.

Playing sports at the professional level is merely a pipe dream for most HBCU college athletes. Not because of lack of talent or inability to compete with the best, but due to lack of exposure.

Thanks to the inaugural HBCU All-Star Classic football game, the dreams of some are more likely to become a reality.

The event's mission is to create a platform for the exposure of the best from HBCUs who may normally fall far under the radar of NFL scouts, said the official website.

"It needed to be done," said Richard Harvey, the event's executive director. "There's no forum for guys to be seen coming out of college, but they're there when you look at NFL rosters."

The event was a chance for 96 NFL draft-eligible seniors

from 43 different HBCUs to show what they can do. Coaches and sports information directors from the players' respective schools and other programs within their conferences chose the players through nominations. From there, a final list was submitted to a selection committee comprised of five NFL coaches and veteran players.

Howard University was represented at the classic with two players, offensive lineman Brandon Torrey and running back Roland "Jay" Colbert.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, the players arrived in New Orleans to start their week of practices and seminars that could potentially change the rest of their lives. The weeklong event included a day for community outreach, a nutrition and training seminar, a financial planning seminar and other events, all of which lead up to the big game.

Adding to the exposure, the game, played in the New Orleans' Tad Gormley Stadium on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Holiday, was also broadcast via national television on HD.net.

The players not only found the event fun, but also worthwhile. Southern University's Tarus Morgan, a senior marketing major and defensive

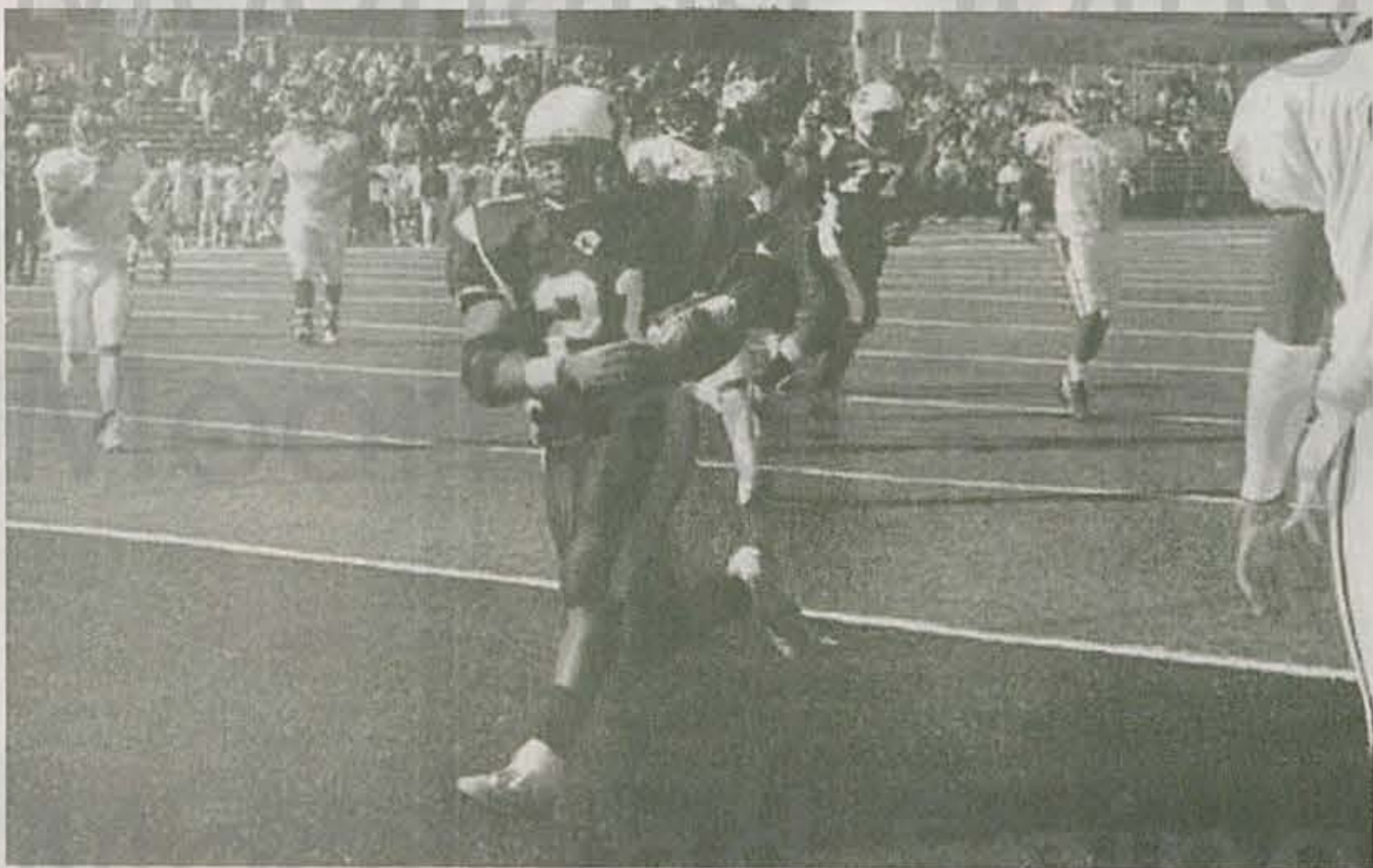
linebacker, said aside from the game, he most valued meeting with the NFL Players Association.

"They told us a lot of details about the NFL: ways to protect ourselves, things about agents, a lot of helpful hints to keep you from getting cheated or taken advantage of," Morgan said.

For Harvey, a retired NFL veteran, the game was more than just a vision turned reality. It was a necessity. The event, inspired by his wife and his own experience with the NFL, served as a means for exposure and a place for talented young men to develop and build relationships with one another as well as with key figures in the NFL.

"These are outstanding, exceptional young men," Harvey said. "To assist them, that's my biggest personal gain, to see their lives being touched."

In the future, Harvey hopes that the event will be more than just a football game, but a cultural event. With the addition of a pre-game marching band competition and hopes for a more accessible television broadcast, the long weekend will be a chance for families to travel and experience New Orleans and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Holiday.



Roland 'Jay' Colbert (#21) rushed for 1,018 yards in 2004 and scored 8 touchdowns on his way to being named to the All-NEAC team and having an opportunity to play in the inaugural HBCU All-Star Classic. The Bison were also represented by offensive lineman Brandon Torrey at the game.

Sporting The Right Internship

BY LINDSEY WALTON
Contributing Writer

It's not what you know, but whom you know. Students in the John H. Johnson School of Communications must live by this phrase. As most of them will tell their fellow classmates, if one does not have multiple internships upon graduation, it is almost impossible to get a job. Networking is an integral process in the world of television, radio, film, journalism and communications in general; especially in sports.

The field of sports represents a window of opportunity that many students use to get their proverbial foot in the door. Here at Howard, there is even a course that students may take that increases networking opportunities. The course introduces interested students to Howard alumni who work in sports media for companies like ESPN, BET Madd Sports, the DC Sports and Entertainment Commission, The Washington Post, the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, the Washington Wizards and the National Football League.

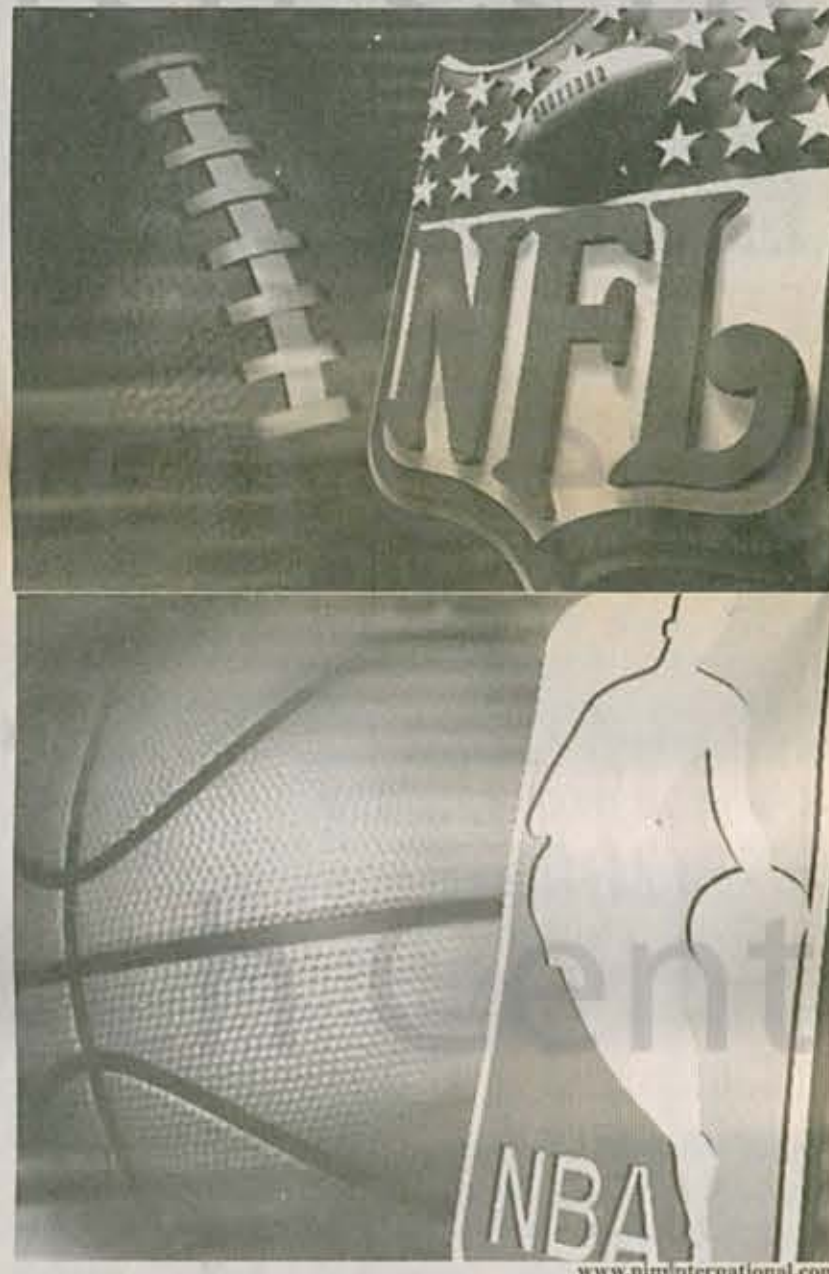
Ed Hill's Sports and the Media class has frequent visits from producers, managers and reporters that are ready and willing to introduce Howard students to internships that will benefit their future careers.

Junior public relations major Blair Edwards currently interns for the Washington Wizards as a PR intern. As a press liaison, she is expected to write press releases, put together media packets and set up the pressroom for pre and post-game conferences. She is also responsible for recording player comments and transcribing interviews.

Edwards was introduced to this position through the Entertainment, Media, Sports, Law Club (EMSL). The EMSL is a student run organization that holds summits and events that help prepare students for internships. EMSL also teams up with the graduate school's Sports Entertainment Law Association to bring in speakers who sometimes conduct interviews with the students. Edwards met a representative of the Washington Wizards at an EMSL function and e-mailed her resume to human resources department of the Wizards to get her internship.

In her experiences with the Wizards so far, Edwards feels as though she has made a lot of connections in the field that will benefit her in the future. "I met a lot of sports media folks going to the games and press conferences. And I feel like if I ever needed anything they would help me out, especially the Howard alums who are there."

Students also pursue internships outside of the District. Brian Jackson, a junior broadcast



journalism major, worked as a segment producer for WGNTV in Chicago this past summer. "I was responsible for producing segments basically. I had to find highlights and help write scripts for the sports anchor. I was also able to get on air as a sports anchor a couple [of] times," Jackson said.

Jackson's method for finding the internship was a common route that students, who do not have network connections, tend to take. "I went to getthatgig.com and I sent my resume and cover letter there. WGN then contacted me for an interview. They also gave me a quiz on current sports events in Chicago during my interview."

Online job service providers like www.getthatgig.com and www.monster.com are a great way to build a sports media resume. After getting an internship, students get to see the inside workings of a studio or newsroom giving them the opportunity to test the skills with which Howard has equipped them.

"Brian the intern" as he was affectionately called by his co-workers summed up the main purpose of his and other sports internships, "I was able to learn how a newsroom works and make many contacts that I will be able to draw upon in the future."



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Who & What Students Are Listening to



TOP 10

BY JANA HOMES
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With the rising popularity of I-pods and portable music devices, music seems to be popping up everywhere from dormitories, classes and even the café. But the songs and artists being played all depend upon the student, and some of the playlists may be surprising.

"I've been listening to a lot of rock and country lately," said sophomore biology major Alexandra Sutton. "One of my new favorites is Rod Stewart's 'If You Want My Body.' And I've been starting to really appreciate artists like Tim McGraw."

And though these selections may be surprising to some, there are those who have more widely heard favorites.

"I love music. It's my stabilizer.

When I am in any mood, I can probably pick a song that corresponds with that mood. Right now, I'm vibing to John Legend's 'Ordinary People.' I mean, being in a relationship, that song hits the spot," said sophomore dance major Faruq Hussein-Bey.

John Legend is a commonly named artist, and his multiple performances in the area, including shows at Kill's Kafe, University of Maryland and even Howard University's Homecoming concert for 2004, don't seem to be harming his reputation on campus. But do some students feel that Legend may be on the verge of over-exposure.

"I'm not gonna talk about John Legend, because even though he's good, everybody's gonna say him. He's everywhere. But there are other good artists, like John Mayer," said sophomore political science major

Rochee Jeffrey.

"There are a surprising number of John Mayer fans, including myself, especially after I saw his television special. I'm also listening to Maroon 5, and people like that. I even heard somebody bumping Switchfoot, the other day," continued Jeffrey, who seems to be pulling from a wide genre base.

Many students on campus share her ability to stray from the R&B and hip-hop artists that typify a large portion of the popular music on campus. Some students are starting to turn to some of the more classic artists.

"Music is something that can amplify a mood, especially when with a companion of the opposite sex. It can take your relationship to the next level. The Isley Brothers have that ability," said sophomore film major Darius Lyles.

There are also artists, who have been in the industry for many years, and are attempting to continue their careers and produce new work and are earning fans on campus.

"I really like Anita Baker because she's soulful and she has this way of inspiring to me. There's also Jill Scott, who has this one song about waking up, that always gets me out of bed when I don't feel like getting up, which is pretty much everyday," said sophomore psychology major Stephanie Hicks.

And while some artists are working on building a new fan base, there are others working on building an initial one.

"Wordsworth is a very talented underground artist that people overlook," said freshman English major Alexia Hogan of the hip-hop artist, who has been featured on many tracks, but finally released his

own full length project in September 2004 with Halftooth Records.

However, Hogan contrasts Wordsworth's fresh and creative style with that of some more popular artists.

"The worst I've seen is Master P, because he's never been original," said Hogan. "He just tries to rework what others are doing and he's doesn't really make any significant contributions to the industry."

Despite the questionable contributions of some artists, there can be no denying that the music industry is still producing works that have people dancing and romancing, singing and thinking, and downloading and purchasing. There are more artists to choose from than just those getting a lot of airtime on major radio stations, though some students are still partial to those artists, too.

A Weeknight on the Town

BY BRITTNEY JOHNSON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Monday signals the end of the weekend, but definitely not the end of the fun for local college students. Always on a quest for the hottest nightlife, students have found trendy spots to break the monotony of their school week.

There is a club or bar available every night of the week, for every type of crowd.

Some students select one night a week to visit a particular place, while some go two or three different times throughout the week. Cassuandra Cumbess, a senior political science major said, "I've been to club 12/23 on Wednesdays. It's an older crowd, and it's a lot of 21 and older Howard students. There's also somewhat of an after-work crowd."

Located at 1223 Connecticut Ave., the club is open from 6 p.m.-2 a.m. on Wednesdays for "The Best of Hip-Hop and R&B." Dinner is served until midnight, drinks are half price from 6pm-9pm and the dress code is "fashionable," which means no work boots, sneakers or athletic wear. For those under 21, Tuesday night is College night at 12/23 and students 18 and up are permitted.

If students are not interested in the club scene, there are other bars or cafes that may suit their interests.

"Monday's I go to Bar Nun, and it's like an open mic night with a live band, people singing, doing poetry, whatever your talent is," said junior PR major Messiah Ramkissoon. "Tuesdays I go to Mangoes which is a bar/restaurant, open mic spot. They're both \$5. I usually go out to share my own artistry as well as to pay attention to the talent in the area."

Lara Andrews, senior Spanish major said, "Monday



Republic Gardens is one of the clubs students attend with Thursday proving to be one of their busiest nights.

nights I go to Club Lucky. Thursday nights, Club 5, which is a reggae club, and Tuesday it's the Eyebars, on I street, which is a hip-hop spot. I love them all, because I really love to dance."

Although Andrews and many others prefer to go to the Eyebars on Tuesday nights, it is also open Thursday and Saturday nights, and is metro accessible.

Joseph Gray, a sophomore print journalism major, enjoys going to Republic Gardens on Thursdays.

"I go some Thursday nights because it's 18 and up. I go just to have fun."

Located at 1355 U Street, Republic Gardens is a popular place for many students under 21 because every Thursday is college night. In addition to Thursday, every Saturday features hip-hop for the 21 and older crowd, and every Sunday, club goers can enjoy a live band. Costs vary, but many times it's free before 11 or with a flier for ladies.

The cost of going out sometimes deters students from going out past the weekend.

"Get there early when it's still free!" Andrews suggested.

"I only go if I have passes, or if it's some special event," agreed Cumbess.

Although many students avoid going out for the week in fear of damaging their GPA, time management is the key to having a fun nightlife and productive school day.

"I definitely try to limit going out during the week. Normally I would only go out if there was no school on Thursday, for instance, last Thursday with the inauguration," said Cumbess.

Not only do many college students seek ways to find fun for free, but they also set aside adequate study time. For Andrews, dancing is such a priority that she insists on going out frequently. But she stated, most importantly, "I still have a 3.6."

And the Nominees Are...

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(Columbia Pictures)

BEST PICTURE

* THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* FINDING NEVERLAND (Miramax)
* MILLION DOLLAR BABY (Warner Bros.)
* RAY (Universal Pictures)
* SIDEWAYS (Fox Searchlight)

ACHIEVEMENT IN DIRECTING

* Martin Scorsese for THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* Clint Eastwood for MILLION DOLLAR BABY (Warner Bros.)
* Taylor Hackford for RAY (Universal Pictures)
* Alexander Payne for SIDEWAYS (Fox Searchlight)
* Mike Leigh for VERA DRAKE (Fine Line Features)

BEST ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE

* Don Cheadle for HOTEL RWANDA (United Artists)
* Johnny Depp for FINDING NEVERLAND (Miramax)
* Leonardo DiCaprio for THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* Clint Eastwood for MILLION DOLLAR BABY (Warner Bros.)
* Jamie Foxx for RAY (Universal Pictures)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR

* Alan Alda for THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* Thomas Haden Church for SIDEWAYS (Fox Searchlight)
* Jamie Foxx for COLLATERAL (Dreamworks SKG)
* Morgan Freeman for MILLION DOLLAR BABY (Warner Bros.)
* Clive Owen for CLOSER

BEST ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

* Annette Bening - BEING JULIA (Sony Pictures Classics)
* Catalina Sandino Moreno - MARIA FULL OF GRACE (Fine Line Features)
* Imelda Staunton - VERA DRAKE (Fine Line Features)
* Hilary Swank for MILLION DOLLAR BABY (Warner Bros.)
* Kate Winslet for ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND (Focus Features)

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS

* Cate Blanchett for THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* Laura Linney - KINSEY (Fox Searchlight Pictures)
* Virginia Madsen for SIDEWAYS (Fox Searchlight)
* Sophie Okonedo - HOTEL RWANDA (United Artists)
* Natalie Portman for CLOSER (Columbia Pictures)

BEST ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

* THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND (Focus Features)
* HOTEL RWANDA (United Artists)
* THE INCREDIBLES (Disney/Pixar)
* VERA DRAKE (Fine Line Features)

BEST ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

* BEFORE SUNSET (Warner Independent Pictures)
* FINDING NEVERLAND (Miramax)
* MILLION DOLLAR BABY (Warner Bros.)
* THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES (Focus Features)
* SIDEWAYS (Fox Searchlight)

BEST FOREIGN-LANGUAGE FILM

* AS IT IS IN HEAVEN - Sweden
* THE CHORUS - France
* DOWNFALL - Germany
* THE SEA INSIDE - Spain
* YESTERDAY - South Africa

BEST ANIMATED FEATURE FILM

* THE INCREDIBLES (Disney/Pixar)
* SHARK TALE (Dreamworks SKG)
* SHREK 2 (Dreamworks SKG)

ACHIEVEMENT IN ART DIRECTION

* THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* FINDING NEVERLAND (Miramax)
* LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS (Paramount Pictures)
* THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (Warner Bros.)
* A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT (Warner Independent Pictures)

ACHIEVEMENT IN CINEMATOGRAPHY

* THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* HOUSE OF FLYING DAGGERS (Sony Pictures Classics)
* THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (Newmarket Film Group)
* THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (Warner Bros.)
* A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT (Warner Independent Pictures)

ACHIEVEMENT IN COSTUME DESIGN

* THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* FINDING NEVERLAND (Miramax)
* THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (Newmarket Film Group)

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University Fashion Council on the Rise



Mark King - Staff Photographer

BY SHAENA HENRY
Contributing Writer

Since Howard is the second most fashionable university in the nation, it should not come to anyone's surprise that there is a campus organization dedicated to fashion. Alnisha T. Bothuel founded the Howard University Fashion Council (UFC) in 2000, for students who share a common interest in the fashion industry.

The purpose of UFC is to educate its members about the fashion industry through workshops, presentations and networking opportunities. It allows individuals to express themselves through fashion, and Lauren Jackson, President of UFC, wants the organization to be taken seriously.

"The one thing I want people to know about the fashion council is that it's not about materials," said the sophomore, graphic design major. "Fashion council is about supporting people who are trying to get into the industry. It's not just about name brands; it's about the art of fashion."

Although UFC does not get the same recognition as

other campus organizations, they have participated in various fashion events including 7th on 6th Mercedes Benz Fashion Week, Magic Johnson's Salute to African American Designers Fashion Week and the career fair at the Fashion Institute of Technology.

Upcoming events include its annual fashion show in April, sponsored by Clear Vision Entertainment, a pajama party and a talent search. The UFC is also planning a banquet where representatives from companies, such as RocaWear and Sean John, will speak about the different aspects of the fashion industry.

"Slowly, the University Fashion Council is coming up every year. It started off real small, but now that we are showing our faces, people want to join," Jackson said.

Vice President, B. Marcell McClure also wants people to notice the progress UFC is making.

"I would like for people to become more involved in our activities," said the sophomore, film production major. "I believe that people will take us more

seriously because our events are going to be really hot this semester."

With funding from HUSA and the dedication of its members, the UFC is finally getting the attention it deserves. Former president Latica Ray agrees that the UFC is on the rise. "When I was president last year, we didn't have any funds," said the junior fashion merchandising major. "Now, I think it's really good. We have a lot of members now and people are recognizing that there is a fashion council at Howard."

Member William White appreciates the organization's role on campus. "What I like about fashion council is being able to discuss and promote fashion, and making people aware of trends. It's just an organization of people who enjoy fashion and love clothes," he said. "I'm a fashion merchandising major and it's what I like. What better way to be with people who enjoy the same thing?"

UFC also shares their passion through community service. "Dress for Success" is the organization's plan to go to local shelters and advise women on

how to look presentable for jobs. Another community service project that the UFC has participated in was volunteering with children at the Ronald McDonald House. Additionally, Howard is fortunate to have successful professors and alumni in the fashion industry that UFC can take advantage of. Past members have held internships at Phat Farm and other notable fashion companies.

As UFC continues to reach new heights, they never stop setting new goals.

"I would like us to have a fashion show as big as the homecoming fashion show," McClure said.

Jackson believes that a common misconception is that UFC is responsible for Howard's other fashion shows. "People always assume that fashion council puts on the homecoming and spring shows. We're trying to be the biggest fashion show above both," she said. "I also want us to win the HUSA Organization of the Year Award by the time I graduate."

With their commitment and continued success, UFC's goals are well within reach.

FASHION *idol* OF THE WEEK Andrea Brown



Alveto Alexander - Staff Photographer

"My style is all over the place!" said enthusiastic senior public relations major, Andrea Brown. Many will probably agree at first glance with the Norfolk, VA native. She appears colorful, cute, confident and most of all unique. Her style personifies a creative mind and an eager spirit.

It's no surprise that Andrea cannot describe her style in one specific word. "I put old stuff with new stuff and I don't have a particular set look." Because her style doesn't "come off the rack", Andrea says that her favorite places to shop are thrift stores. Among other places she shops are Bebe, Marshalls, Nordstrom and different outlets.

However, Andrea admits that thrift stores are the best because she can find things

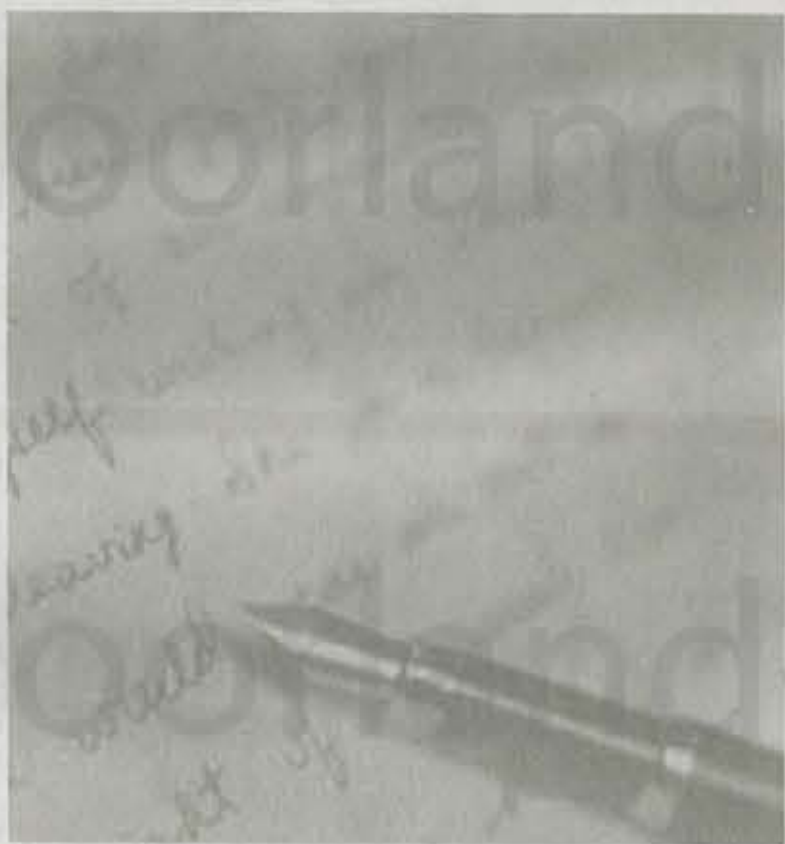
that are one of a kind.

So where does this young fashion idol get her style? "My fashion inspirations are my friends who introduced me to fashion," says Andrea. "Also, I have this 1972 picture of my parents and they were like the flyest things. My father is really sharp, so I look to him as a fashion inspiration, as well as old movies and old musicians like Billie Holiday."

Whomever she credits for her style, Andrea Brown's own creativity and energy make her style and her personality a perfect fit. "I believe clothes don't make the person, but they definitely add to the personality and how it is expressed," says this stylistic diva.

-Complied by Erica Williams

WRITTEN WORDS



IF I COULD...

If I could catch a rainbow
I would do it just for you,
And share with you its beauty
On the days you're feeling blue.

If I could build a mountain
You could call your very own,
A place to find serenity,
A place to be alone.

If I could take your troubles

I would toss them in the sea,
But all these things I'm finding
Are impossible for me.

I cannot build a mountain
Or catch a rainbow fair,
Let me be what I do best
A friend who's always there!!!

-SARAH B



Alcoholics Can Beat their Addiction

According to the current issue of *Alcoholism*, alcoholics can beat their addiction. The survey found that 35.9 percent of American adults with alcoholism that began more than a year prior to the survey were in full recovery and showed no signs of either alcoholism or alcohol abuse. They either abstained from alcohol or drank at levels below those known to increase the risk of relapse.

The results are based on data from the 2001-2002 National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC), a project of the U.S. National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA).

Syphilis Rate Not a Result of Unsafe Sex

According to HealthDay, the epidemic of syphilis among American gay men may be a product of the natural evolution of the disease, not the result of condom fatigue and more unsafe sex, British researchers suggest.

According to their study, published in the Jan. 26 issue of *Nature*, statistics from 68 American cities show that syphilis rates

go up and down in regular cycles. The researchers suspect the disease loses steam as previously infected people develop temporary immunity, but then recovers a few years later when there are more vulnerable people in the population.

Type 2 Diabetes Striking at Younger Age

With two-thirds of U.S. adults overweight or obese, the number of people with type 2 diabetes continues to rise while their ages at the time of diagnosis drops, a new study finds.

In the late 1980s and early '90s, the average age of an adult diagnosed with type 2 diabetes was 52, but now people are being diagnosed in their middle 40s. This striking drop in age may mean that screening for the disease should begin earlier than is currently recommended, researchers from the Medical University of South Carolina said in their report.

Information from www.yahoohealth.com & www.healthday.com

-Complied by Erica Williams

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Party Rolls - serves 6

Ingredients:

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 small potato, coarsely grated
- 1 small carrot, grated
- 1 pounds lean ground beef
- 2 tablespoons barbecue sauce
- 4 oz. cooked rice
- 1 small egg, beaten
- Lavash bread

Steps:

Cook onion in a microwave oven on High for 1 minute. Drain on paper towels along with grated potato and carrot; the mixture must not be too moist or patties will be soggy.

Combine all ingredients, except Lavash bread, in a large bowl. Form the mixture into 24 small, even fingers.

Prepare a fire in a grill to medium heat. Grill fingers on hotplate for 10 minutes, turning occasionally. Serve wrapped in small strips of Lavash bread with a dipping sauce of your choice.

Source: The Barbecue Cookbook, www.cooking.com

The Oscar Goes To...

NOMINEES, from L&S B4

(Miramax)
* LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS (Paramount Pictures)
* RAY (Universal Pictures)
* TROY (Warner Bros.)

BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE

* BORN INTO BROTHELS (ThinkFilm)
* THE STORY OF THE WEEPING CAMEL (ThinkFilm)
* SUPER SIZE ME (Roadside Attractions / Samuel Goldwyn Films)
* T U P A C : RESURRECTION (Paramount Pictures)
* TWIST OF FAITH

BEST FILM EDITING

* THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* COLLATERAL (Miramax)
* FINDINGNEVERLAND (Miramax)
* MILLION DOLLAR BABY (Warner Bros.)
* RAY (Universal Pictures)

ACHIEVEMENT IN MAKEUP

* LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS (Paramount Pictures)
* THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (Newmarket Film Group)
* THE SEA INSIDE (Fine Line Features)

BEST ORIGINAL

SCORE

* FINDINGNEVERLAND (Miramax)
* HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN
* LEMONY SNICKET'S A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS (Paramount Pictures)
* THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST (Newmarket Film Group)
* THE VILLAGE (Touchstone Pictures)

ORIGINAL SONG

* "Accidentally In Love" - SHREK 2 (Dreamworks SKG)
* "Al Otro Lado Del Río" - THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES (Focus Features)
* "Believe" - THE POLAR EXPRESS (Warner Bros.)
* "Learn To Be Lonely" - THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA (Warner Bros.)
* "Look To Your Path (Vois Sur Ton Chemin)" - THE CHORUS (Miramax)

ACHIEVEMENT IN SOUND MIXING

* THE AVIATOR (Miramax)
* THE INCREDIBLES (Disney/Pixar)
* THE POLAR EXPRESS (Warner Bros.)
* RAY (Universal Pictures)
* SPIDER-MAN 2 (Columbia Pictures)

ACHIEVEMENT IN SOUND EDITING

* THE INCREDIBLES (Disney/Pixar)
* THE POLAR EXPRESS

(Warner Bros.)
* SPIDER-MAN 2 (Columbia Pictures)

BEST VISUAL EFFECTS

* HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN (Warner Bros.)
* I, ROBOT (20th Century Fox)
* SPIDER-MAN 2 (Columbia Pictures)

BEST DOCUMENTARY SHORT

* AUTISM IS A WORLD
* THE CHILDREN OF LENINGRADSKY
* HARDWOOD
* MIGHTY TIMES: THE CHILDREN'S MARCH
* SISTER ROSE'S PASSION

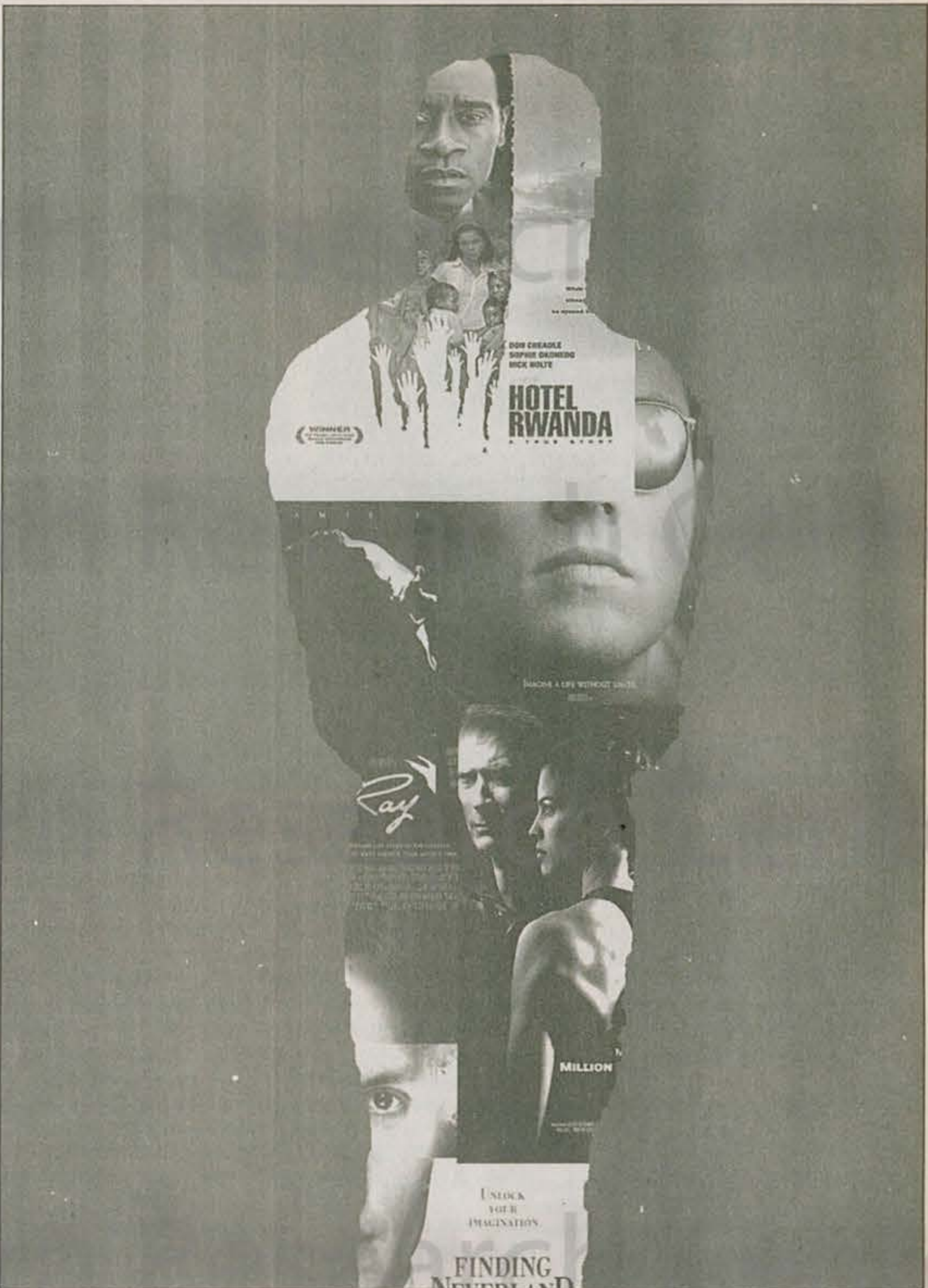
BEST ANIMATED SHORT FILM

* BIRTHDAY BOY
* GOPHER BROKE
* GUARD DOG
* LORENZO
* RYAN

BEST LIVE-ACTION SHORT FILM

* EVERYTHING IN THIS COUNTRY MUST
* LITTLE TERRORIST
* 7:35 IN THE MORNING
* TWO CARS, ONE NIGHT
* WASP

The 77th annual Academy Awards will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2005 at 8e/5p on ABC.

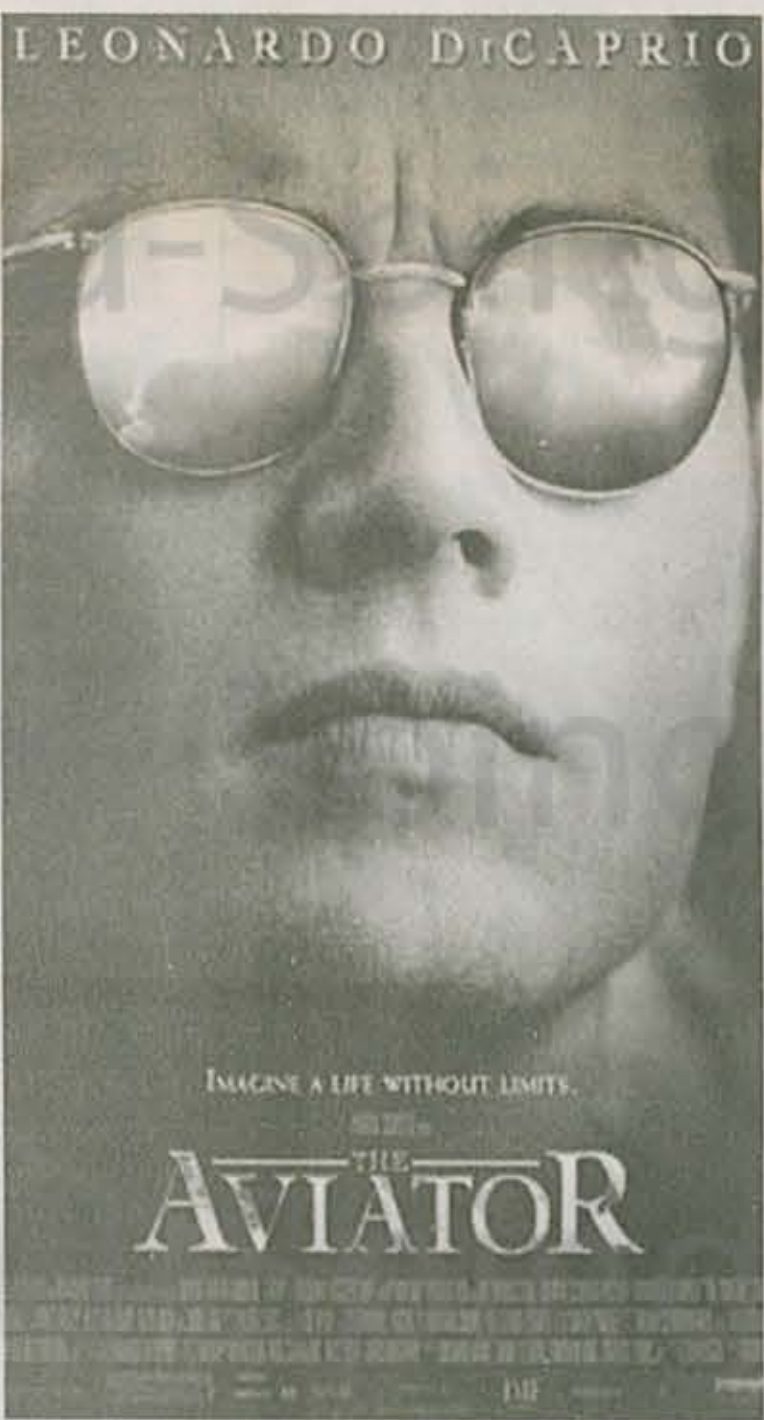


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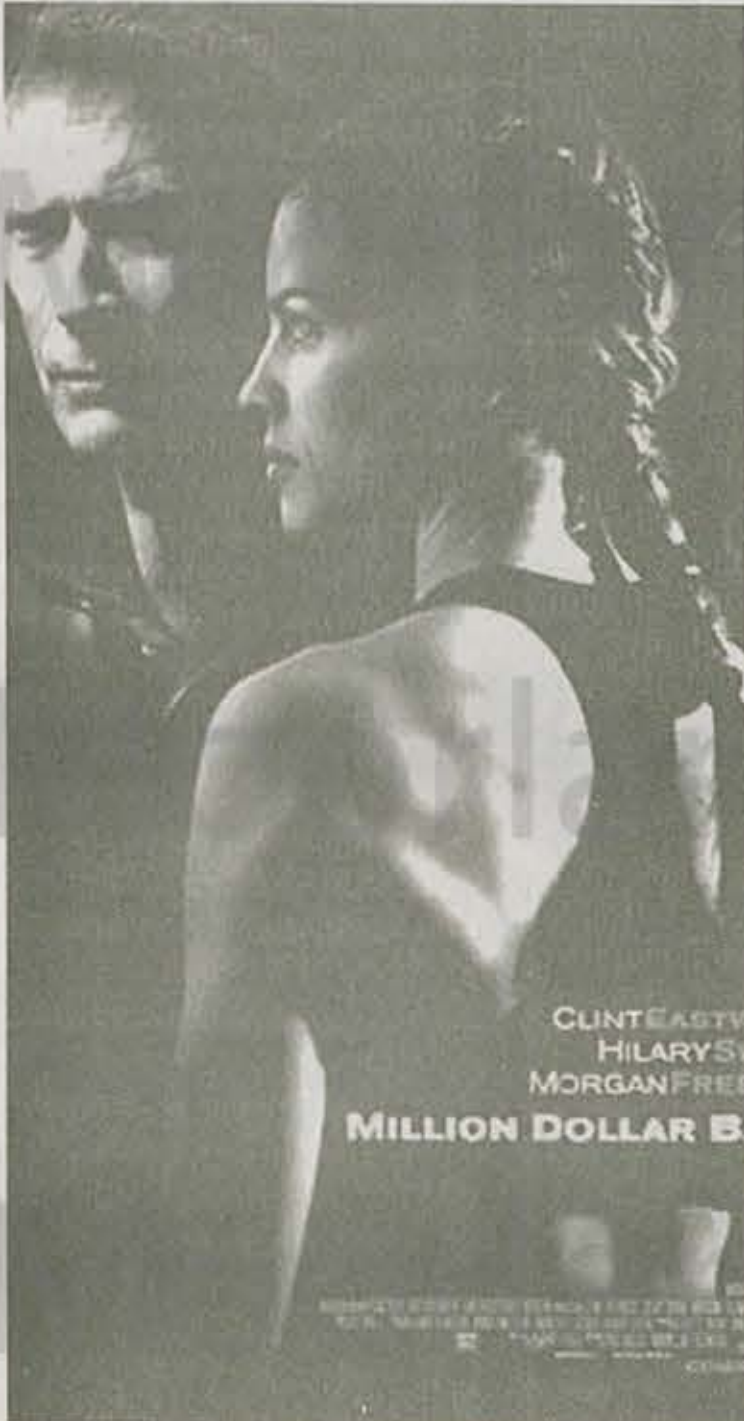
Best Actor in a Leading Role



Jamie Foxx



Leonardo DiCaprio



Clint Eastwood



Don Cheadle

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Dressed to Kill...Literally

If you were to design a shirt that would come to mind? Maybe you'd choose an arrangement of bold colors mixed with a nice fabric. You'd want something attractive, flattering and appealing.

The "equal opportunity offenders" behind Tshirthell.com warn potential consumers by bluntly saying, "We design our shirts to amuse ourselves. We don't care if you are offended by them. Regardless of race, color, creed, national origin or sexual preference—you are all fair game," on their website. Apparently, everyone with a beating heart or a conscience is fair game, particularly minorities.

The shirt that caught our attention and created the buzz has a black baby with an afro and pacifier frowning in handcuffs. The words on the shirt read, "Arrest black babies before they become criminals." We scrolled down to find "Bring Back Slavery" and other racist t-shirts. We were immediately disgusted.

A site like this one calls for pulling out the race card, religion card, and human being card! Whoever is sketching and brainstorming for these t-shirts needs to re-evaluate what they are doing and discover a sense of humanity! They are so eager to get the most offensive shirts that they will pay you \$200 if

there are t-shirts available for babies and small children. If we see anyone's baby in the "I hide crack in my diaper" one-piece we are going to have a fit.

Really, if we see anyone in any of these shirts, we are going to have a bad response. Hopefully whoever is dumb enough to support this madness is smart enough to wear it somewhere very distant from Howard.

We do recognize that people have the liberty to do and say what they want. That's the beauty and horror of America meets freedom of choice. Clothing is a personal expression and who are we to demand someone to dress in a politically correct way?

Not every person in this country is satisfied with the standard "white tee." The site proudly boasts an average of 75 thousand visitors and 400 thousand page views daily. We're sure most of the visitors are just curious like we were. However, it's unfortunate that people are paying good money to perpetuate hate and stereotypes.

Our View:
Tshirthell.com has taken their hateful sense of humor too far.

they select your idea (don't get ideas guys we're supposed to be mad here).

Someone in the world is wearing a shirt saying, "I surfed the tsunami 2004," that only cost them \$18. Another shirt praised Hitler for eliminating Jews and made a mockery of the September 11 attacks. These shirts are like a series of really bad jokes that deserve a round of boos and some rocks thrown.

Just when we thought we had enough, we noticed that

A Suicide Attempt Kills Innocent Passengers Aboard Train

A man by the name of Juan Manuel Alvarez from Compton had recently separated from his wife, Carmelita and was under pressure from his involvement with drugs, according to USA Today.

His situation prompted him to park his SUV in the middle of the train tracks in Glendale California. As the train was approaching, Alvarez jumped out of his vehicle and left it on the tracks. We painted the picture in our minds of a man changing his mind.

As a result, two commuter trains crashed, hurling innocent passengers down the train aisles. According to USA Today, at least 10 people were killed and more than 180 injured. Dozens of people were in critical condition and more than 120 sent to hospitals.

This was the country's deadliest train accident in almost 6 years. All of the pain and the suffering the passengers had to experience collectively is unimaginable. Mr. Alvarez

planned to take his life, but his actions took the lives of many others. This makes us sad.

Suicide is something none of us take lightly and we aren't passing judgment on those who are in enough torment to consider or try it. Once someone reaches that point it is a vulnerable situation for everyone.

Our View:
Suicide is disheartening and has a massive impact on others.

When someone attempts to take their own lives they transfer some of their pain to their family, friends, enemies and witnesses. Rescue attempts are just as traumatic for the workers as the victim.

We know that Juan Alvarez probably wasn't considering what was going to happen from parking his truck in the train tracks since he was in an emotional state. However, it takes

forever for trains to slow down, so unfortunately the conductor had to try and salvage the train with no luck. Look how many people were affected by his actions. The world is so much bigger than an individual and bigger than the moment.

Alvarez was appropriately charged with homicide charges for the massive train wreck. Once the police got to him he had slashed his wrists and stabbed himself, but his injuries weren't believed to be life threatening.

On top of his criminal charges his criminal drug record had also been pulled up. We hope that Alvarez gets the proper psychological treatment he needs in conjunction with his time in prison. If the mental condition of people isn't addressed, things will only snowball.

We don't want everyone to close the paper feeling depressed; we just wanted to note how sad it is that people lost their lives because of something so selfish.

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Housing Faulty Once Again

A good majority of us are now flipping through apartment guides and pulling hair trying to think of the next best move.

Every January it's routine for Howard students to start to get squeamish and get paranoid about deposit deadlines. It's no secret that housing is a problem for our school. We are in the city; we have thousands of students with needs and apparently 1500 beds to accommodate that.

Inevitably, there is always going to be this competitive spirit that erupts when we know something is limited. That's human nature and we accept it.

However, trial and error year after year should result in a method to the madness.

Most students have been suggesting paying the deposits online. As logical as it sounds, the BisonWeb would most likely malfunction with that much activity at one time. Despite the potential for technological trouble, there has been talk trying that method next year.

Upper classmen have to sit back and shrug shoulders since we have watched something new each year. The old lot-

tery left many students living in hotels and completely stuck. The next year everyone could pay a deposit but everyone couldn't get housing.

Last year many people were caught off guard by the early housing cap and ended up not getting what they expected or being forced to move off campus.

We applaud the mas-

Maryland. That's the method we would like to revisit!

It was frustrating for upper-classmen to read Vice Provost of Student Affairs Franklin Chambers blame the fiasco on us frightening the freshmen. We are all supposed to be family here so of course we'd look out for the younger students so they don't repeat our mistakes. Why would we tell them to be casual about housing when we've all been through housing dilemmas?

If anything we should be thanked for saving Residence Life from angry parents worried about their freshman. Most of us will be scouring the expensive off-campus options to find something manageable for next year. We also heard that some officials were blaming the Hilltop for advertising the RSVP this year.

If this is true, we want to remind those people that they paid for those big ads to appear each time. Classes, money and life give us enough stress, so housing stress needs to vanish! All we're saying is we are spent on the housing hassle and we can only hope next year won't cause another "near riot."

Our View:

Isn't it time to find something that works and stop pointing fingers?

sive advertising and warnings about the 1500 slots this year. However, with so many ads about the urgency of paying early, what else would we expect but chaos? At the Hilltop, we think the point system was a very logical way to approach housing.

It took an in depth look at each student to analyze where they stood from a need and merit basis. A freshman student with a 4.0 from California needs housing more than a student with a 2.1 who is a senior from

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‘PIECES OF YOU’
Words of the week:

I WISH

By Sharise Crumley

I wish I may I wish I might I wish I may be happy for the rest of my life I wish I had someone to share my joy with tonight I wish I had that perfect man that man who makes my knees so weak, that I can not begin to speak I wish I could look into his eyes and feel his love for me I wish I had someone that would make me want to be a better person, not just in school, but in life I wish I had the perfect family I wish we had no fights I wish I may I wish I might I wish I may wish upon a the stars tonight I wish God and his eternal presence would be around all the time holding me and guid- ing me with his wisdom and	touch I wish I didn't judge peo- ple so much, like friends and family I wish I fit in more I wish I felt accepted by all I wish my best friend would come back I wish I may I wish I might I wish I could have my best friend back tonight! I wish I could rule the world cause if I did everything would be alright there would be no wars with Iraq and problems with NATO I would not be an over- bearing republican like Bush I would be the democrat to demolish this dirty war I wish I may I wish I might I wish upon a star so bright with my hands clenched so very tight that the trials and tribulations that this nation	may soon face will renege and bring back our faith I wish I may I wish I might be strong enough to say this sometime "I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand and I can- not do 'otherwise.'" (Martin Luther) Until we all grow that strong to state our views with- out fears of retribution and only looking for the resolution then this writing is for us! I can't see them running down my eyes so I got to write this lyrical cry I wish I may I wish I might see you all at the cross- roads... some night!
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Make the Money, Don't Let
The Money Make You

KEVIN LETT

I am a proud graduate of the HU School of Business Class of '96 and an alumni member of the professional business fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi - Iota Rho Chapter, chartered at Howard in 1980.

There is a rich heritage of bright and tenacious business students that have passed through the halls of Howard and I am pleased to have been a part of that experience. Although it was not all peaches and cream, those experiences helped shape my belief that nothing legitimately worth pursuing is easily accomplished.

Besides, if a task is easy to do and I can benefit greatly from doing it then everyone will want to do it, right? Wrong! You can't even take that approach with exercise! The reality is that it usually takes a combination of blood, sweat, tears and time to gain something valuable that lasts.

For now I am focusing on the self-starters of our society that are looking for a way to get ahead in life. For example, I was contacted by a fellow employee about an opportunity to invest some of my time and resources into a business venture that would allow me to make more working for myself in shorter time than I have ever experienced in my life.

(These are not the exact words from her very sophisticated marketing pitch but the premise is accurate). Sounds great so far right? Well, if it's one thing I learned from business

school and a stint in engineering at Howard, it would be that you need to do your research before taking action so you can be educated and prepared to handle what comes your way. So I researched the company and I was surprised to find that The Hilltop actually has an article about it dating back to 2003.

I thought the article would take a "buyer beware" position, but it actually did more to advocate rather than expose the full truth behind the veil, which prompted me to write this article.

To find the flaws in this "business technique" also known as multi-level marketing, one should question the way supply and demand is determined and how money is actually made.

You have to grow a business and those higher up in major corporations get incentives based on the work that their employees do. However, you cannot compare an operating structure like Prepaid Legal to the legitimate, multi-century tested structure of a corporation.

Sure, some people get paid but the truth is that most just get used. Eventually, you reach diminishing returns and you end up with too many resources and not enough demand.

If the product or service is actually good, the structure will fail because everyone will want to get paid for their investment. In such an opportunity, anyone can do but only a few will truly survive. It also helps that everyone involved tries to convince you that it won't happen to you

because, "You are a winner."

Okay, so all you have to do is join a similar company that controls the membership numbers and you are all set right? Then you loose out on the very thing that drives you to get paid quickly. Unless you attract more workers you will remain at the bottom of the food chain unless you started the venture. Translation for my fellow Southerners: If it's not smooth like butter, cream and gravy then you are just wasting your time big baby!

It would seem that the only way to get ahead then would be for someone in the team's structure to up and die! You would be better off taking a weekend trip to Vegas and blowing your investment money on a gamble. At least then you have a chance of making it big no matter how slim the odds.

In conclusion, challenge what people put before you and test before you buy into it. Don't assume someone else has all the answers. If it is legitimate, it will hold up under your own individual scrutiny and you won't have to take anybody's word for it. You live and you learn. The same sentiment can be applied to one's faith in God, which goes far deeper than what I have said here but don't take my word for it.

Let your conscience, which is spiritual (con-science), not the passions of your heart, which are emotional and creative, be your guide. Now child, you know momma didn't raise no fool! In His Peace.

Housing Mania:
An Insider's Perspective

BRITTANY GAIL THOMAS

Carpe diem! After weeks of housing bulletins, advertisements and discussions, seizing the day was something that hundreds of students did when they rose to the occasion, hustling-and-bustling, and ultimately chanting, "I will be one of the first 1500! I will! I will!"

For some, the hustle-and-bustle to the infamous A-building began at 6:30 a.m. and, for many, much earlier. To my surprise the foreshadowed "housing mania" wasn't so bad. Close to 100 bundled up students formed a line, sat on newspapers, chatted and found comfort.

Peace was at its pinnacle until tempers flared, the temperature rose, and all hell broke loose. While those outside faced the cold, the heat in the Administration Building was definitely on.

Suddenly, the nicely formed line became clusters. Individuals became enraged by the disrespect of the newcomers who arrived late but cut the line. The orderly group became a mass of people trying to grasp at the opportunity to have a place to live.

Relief came once they gave us forms to fill out to speed up the process. The pictures of scholars were knocked off the walls, newspapers were scattered on the floor, and employees in the near offices stood inquisitively outside their doors and asked nearby students "What's going on here?"

Screams began to pierce the air, students were cursing out

any and everybody who touched them the wrong way, and campus police officers stood back and watched. When asked to address the problems, the police responded by claiming that paddy wagons were on the way. They were blowing whistles, inquiring about the number of handcuffs they had collectively, removing the dismantled wall of pictures, and leaned against the walls watching the scene unfold.

"Cash first!" began to float through the crowd and tempers began to flare. Injustice was proclaimed by students who wanted to use credit cards or transfer money from their student accounts. The chaos caused heat exhaustion within the crowd. Three people fainted before the administration seemed to be concerned and suggested that students remove their winter apparel. People with cash who arrived at 8 a.m. cut the line and were in and out the door in less than an hour. The early birds, who had stayed cool, calm and collective became enraged.

An officer said, "There are not 1500 people in here. You'll get a spot." People shouted, "That's not the point! We've been here since 6:30 this morning!" Nothing was done and the early birds continued to stand restlessly in the back.

In order to get something done, the early birds called parents and found a loophole in the system. Parents could call the cashier's office, request a form via fax, and pay using a credit card. It was a miracle! Some of the early birds did catch the

worm, but others had to stay and wait.

Hours had passed and the administration finally came to confront the problem. Doors were blocked by more students wanting to pay their deposit, and the fire department came to shut the building down. Blue admission tickets were given to lessen the crowd. Early birds refused to leave and began each statement with "No, I've been here since 6:30. I'm not leaving." The students weren't convinced, they asked for proof and all the administration could do was claim that each ticket was stamped by an official unduplicated Howard University stamp. Vice Provost of Student Affairs Franklin Chambers tried his best at talking to some students personally, but he received the cold shoulder just like that of fellow administrators.

By 10 a.m., the pushing had stopped and crowd was reduced. Uneasy students found the courage to personally address the issue and released their frustrations on all of the administrators and police officers in the vicinity. With heads hung low and spirits down, students stayed in line and stuck it out until they couldn't stay anymore.

Howard University and its administration have struck a chord amongst students. How can the administration expect respect from its students when the lack of respect is proven in its continued disorganization?

For my colleagues and I, Jan. 24, 2005 is a day that will go down in Howard University infamy.

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Simple question: Does anyone deny that the hypocritical cry of "Racism" would have been uttered by Sen. Kennedy and his ilk if Dr. Rice's integrity had been questioned by Republican interrogators? Certain Democrats are aware they have the African-American vote in the bank; therefore, their hypocrisy jeopardizes nothing in the political arena. Truly sad!

-Joe Irving

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Announcements

The National Society of Black Engineers, HU Chapter presents NSBE Week 2005 Sunday, Jan 30- Call to Chapel Monday, Jan 31- Pfizer Incorporation Information Session Tuesday, Feb 1- Pfizer Interview Session Wednesday, Feb 2- "Brother from Another Mother" Roundtable Discussion Thursday, Feb 3- "Get Caught in the Net" Friday, Feb 4- Spring Regional Conference in Philadelphia, PA (Information presented at the weekly events) All events (Monday-Thursday) will be held in the Engineering Auditorium at 6:30pm

The Ladies of Alpha Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Present The Annual Sadie T. Yancey Essay Contest for Freshmen Women Please see signs around campus for further details Prize: \$500 Deadline: Friday, Feb. 4, 2005

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